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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
BOARD MEETING  
SUNDAY, AUGUST 4, 1991

The executive Board and the Publication Committee of the Hammond Historical Society met on Sunday, August 4, 1991 at 2:30 pm at Marjorie Sohl's apartment at 9519 Southmoor Avenue, Highland. The following nine members attended: Robert Kindle, Ed and Velma Hanish, Ron Clarke, Paul and Toni Caldwell, Louise Lukowski, Donna Djenka and Marge Sohl. Bob Kindle presided. Louise Lukowski gave a financial report showing a balance June 30 of \$4,729.84.

A brief discussion was held concerning the honorary life memberships which were being sent out and the frequency of the purging of the membership list. Furthur discussion was postponed until the full board meeting in September.

The main purpose of the called meeting was to determine the distribution and price of the new publication, "Pages from the Past," which has just last Friday been received from the printer. Copies were distributed to those attending the meeting. After several suggested plans, the following motion by Ron Clarke, second by Ed Hanish and carried determined that one free copy will be sent to each member on the current mailing list for our newsletter. This includes all people whose dues are paid thru May of 1990 or 1991.

Thompson Printing Company was paid \$2467 last year which was supposed to be about half of the printing cost. Based on that estimate our total printing costs will run about \$10 per copy printed. Therefore on a motion by Bob Kindle, second by Ron Clarke, and carried it was decided to sell any remaining copies at \$10 each. Toni Caldwell moved, Donna Djenka seconded and carried a motion that Toni would present a free copy to Judy Bretz at Purdue University Calumet who did all the typing and coordinating with the printer for us. Copies of the book will be available for sale at the Hammond Historical Society booth September 7 & 8 at the International Cultural Festival and at the Hammond Public Library Calumet Room immediately. Marge Sohl will coordinate mailing of copies to all members.

The date was set for the meeting of the complete Board of Directors on Saturday, September 14, 1991 at 10 a.m. in the Calumet Room of the Hammond Public Library, the day before the first fall meeting of the Society on Sunday, September 15 at 2:30 p.m. when Mr. Early of Dick Hoyt's will be the speaker.

No one seemed to have registered for our booth at the Festival so Ed Hanish agreed to call on Monday to make arrangements for our booth. He completed filling out the schedule of workers for the two days and agreed to pick up the applications for membership and the supply of books at the Calumet Room before the Festival.

Bob Kindle showed his letter of confirmation for having been appointed to the Hammond Historical Preservation Commission to replace Kathryn Thegze who requested she not be reappointed.

The meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m. with light refreshments served.

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

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# The Hammond Historical Society

~~200 - 1050 STREET~~  
HAMMOND, INDIANA 46324

BALANCE ON HAND MAY 30, 1991                            \$4,157.31

## RECEIPTS

Dues	408.00
Books	95.50
Interest (Bank)	45.46
Dinner	360.00
Publication	<u>6.50</u>
	<u>915.46</u>
	5,072.77

## DISBURSEMENTS

Bank Service Charge	22.80
Postage	20.30
Supplies	11.57
Dinner	265.00
State Tax	20.00
Misc.	<u>3.27</u>
	<u>342.93</u>
	4,729.84

Balance June 30, 1991                            \$4,729.84

Checks Out \$13.00

Balance in Savings Account                    \$2,494.79



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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
BOARD MEETING  
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 1991

The Board of Directors of the Hammond Historical Society met on Saturday, September 14, 1991 at 10 a.m. in the Calumet Room of the Hammond Public Library. Robert Kindle presided. Twelve members were present.

Minutes of the August 4 Executive Board meeting were read and accepted. The treasurer reported a balance of \$2,103.73 in our working account. Now that our publication bill has been paid, past due bills were presented: \$720 which Jerome Kutak advanced to pay for the microfilming of the Hammond City Directories 1930-1939; \$20 dues to the Indiana Historical Society; \$34.60 to Scott Lock for the Historical Society case in the Community Room. A motion to pay these bills was made by Ron Clarke, second by Wanda Seevers, carried.

Ed Hanish presented a complete report of the activities and sales at the Historical Society booth at the International Cultural Festival. \$183 was received in dues and book sales. Thirty books were sold and 242 people were reached. Eight members helped staff the booth and were thanked by Ed. Ed Hanish moved, Wanda Seevers second and carried a motion for Ed to apply for the booth in the same area for next year.

Kathryn Thegze reported Scott Kingery had been requested to photograph the advertisement for a local beauty shop on the old north wall of Smith Decorating store that had been uncovered when the Paramount Theatre was torn down but now was about to be painted over. A motion by Wanda Seevers, second by Mark Ferrari and carried allowed that Scott be paid for the film and that prints of the pictures also be submitted to THE TIMES to encourage a story about it.

Kathryn also asked if copies of the new publication would be given to the library collection. Marge Sohl moved, Kathryn second and carried a motion that we give the library three copies, one each for the Calumet Room, Reference Collection, and circulation.

It was reported that the plaque marking the location of the house where the Hohmans, the first settlers in Hammond, was located, now mounted on the front of the Amsted building just north of the river on Hohman Avenue, is badly in need of cleaning. It was suggested to ask Amsted if they would do this.

Wanda Seevers, program chairman, reported she had learned late this week that Edward Eurley, who was to be the speaker for the first meeting on Sunday, September 15, on Dick Hoyt, the Typewriter Man, had been ill and would be unable to speak. She had been able to engage Clara Takacs, Outreach Librarian for the Hammond Public Library, to present a Bifolkal Slideshow program on the Twenties. Future programs that she is working on engaging include:

O.C. Robbins, Founder of Munster Steel Co.  
Debbie McLaughlin on Harrison Park Preservation Society  
J. Ralston Miller's daughter on his varied life  
Harley-Davidson Motorcycle Company  
Howard Gesheidler  
Bodie  
Boy Scouts of America for their February Anniversary.

New business included:

1. Attached letter of resignation of Second Vice President Donna Djenka. Ed Lukowski was recommended in a motion by Wanda Seavers, second by Mark Ferrari, carried. He was in the library reading and was invited in to join the meeting.
2. Because of her willingness to give a program on such short notice and on a Sunday, Kathryn moved, Ed Hanish second and carried a motion to give Clara Takacs \$25.
3. For the cleaning of the plaque marking the site of the first settlers, Harold Story moved, Mark Ferrari second and carried a motion that Harold Story would contact Maurice O'Hern who formerly worked at Amsted to see if they would do the job.

The meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

#### ATTENDANCE

Robert Kindle  
Mark Ferrari  
Wanda Seavers  
Harold R. Story  
G.M. Peiffer, M.D.  
Edward L. Hanish  
Robert Sherby  
Kathryn Thegze  
Ron Clarke  
Louise Lukowski  
Edward A. Lukowski, Jr.  
Marjorie Sohl

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## Money Collected Sept. 7th &amp; 8th.

1891-92 City Directory	2	\$3.00	\$6.00
Hammond Fire Department	2	2.50	5.00
Hammond Bicentennial (3 free for membership)	2	3.00	6.00
Hammond History & Architectural	3	5.00	15.00
Hammond Centennial	1	25.00	25.00
New Publication	10	10.00	100.00
Donation			1.00
Dues	Tom & Sue Tobin 8448 White Oak Munster		5.00
	Martha Toth 1324 Summer St. Hammond		5.00

## NEW MEMBERSHIPS

Michael A. Halcarz 4635 Johnson Av. Hammond, In. 46327 219 931 6243	5.00
James E. Writt 4249 Grover Av. Hammond, In. 463_____ 219 932 1475	5.00
John Mureson (Griffith Motors) 110 S. Broad St. Griffith, In. 46319 home 836 0817 business 924 5555	TOTAL 5.00 \$183.00

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Saturday & Sunday, September 7th & 8th, the Hammond Historical Society sponsored a booth at the 19th Annual International Cultural Festival LaCare Art & Craft Fair Celebration at the Howard Branch Library again this year.

We welcome three new members that signed up - Michael A. Hacarz, James E. Writt and John Marson. Two members paid their dues.

Thirty books were sold, 87 people were contacted on Saturday and 155 on Sunday.

The weather was in our favor both days. Cash received was \$15.00 for new members, \$10.00 for dues paid, \$1.00 donation and \$157.00 books sold, making a total of \$183.00 received.

I would like to thank all volunteers that helped. Ed Lukowski that came early and stayed late to help set up and take down, Donna Djenka, Tom Rutowski, Wanda Seevers, Louise Lukowski (who helped both days) Bob Kindle, Ron Clarke, Mary Milokovic, all took their turn in manning the booth and Tom was a big help in taking down the tent. Thank you all. Could not have done it without you.

Edward L. Hanish

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August 6, 1991

Dear President Kindle:

This is my notice to you that I resign from the Board of the Historical Society effective immediately.

Donna Djenka



ROBERT KINDLE  
7210 BARING PARKWAY  
HAMMOND INDIANA 46323

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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 1991

The first meeting of the new year of the Hammond Historical Society was called to order by the president, Robert Kindle, on Sunday, September 15, 1991 at 2:30 p.m. in the Community Room of the Hammond Public Library. Forty-two signed the roster. Officers who had agreed to serve for the year were named and thanked.

Louise Lukowski presented a financial report showing a balance of \$2,103.73.

The program scheduled for today of Edward Eurley speaking on "Dick Hoyt, the Typewriter Man" was thought to be unavailable because of Mr. Eurley's illness. However Mr. Jerry Eurley, Edward's son and now Vice President and General Manager of the Dick Hoyt Company, came to substitute for his father.

He told of Dick Hoyt's coming to Hammond in 1923 on his way to Chicago. He liked it here so he stayed, got a job of repairing typewriters in the back of the Nuway Show Shop on Sibley Street just off of Hohman. He became involved in community organizations and sponsored a baseball team. In 1935 the Dick Hoyt team became Indiana State Champions. The business grew so in 1935 they moved into new quarters at 5319 Hohman.

About this time Jerry's father, Edward, graduated from Catholic Central High School, saw a "help wanted" sign in the window, went in to apply, and was hired. He started working by doing odd jobs, cleaning, replacing ribbons, and soon Dick Hoyt trained him to do repair work. Dick Hoyt held the franchise for Royal repairs so he sent Edward in to Chicago to be trained by Royal. Other machines as IBM and Oliver were becoming popular then along with the wheel-writer made by the Hammond Company (no relation to Hammond's founder). Royal introduced the new keyboard that is currently used on almost all typewriters and computers. Secretaries liked it and it prevailed.

As World War II progressed and more local industries became involved in production of war equipment, it was critical for them to keep their equipment, typewriters included, in top working order. For that reason, Edward Eurley was not drafted for Army service but was deferred to work in an essential industry.

In 1945 Dick Hoyt retired and moved to Florida. Michael Kitzburg and Edward Eurley purchased the business and formed a partnership. Hammond was growing rapidly. Dick Hoyt was Hammond's oldest and largest office supplier. They purchased property at 647 State Street, their current location, built on it, and moved in there in 1960. Edward Eurley's son, Jerry, graduated from Bishop Noll High School in 1958 and went to work for his Dad. They took on the Olivetti Typewriter and Calculating machine and General Fireproofing office equipment. Dick Hoyt Company became the distributors for all of Lake and Porter Counties.

In 1960 Edward Eurley was the leading salesman for Olivetti so he was taken to Italy where they are made to receive his award. He later was also taken to Sweden and Denmark to visit the factories of Rex Duplicating Company and in 1970 to Hawaii to receive a trophy.

Edward Eurley has now retired from the company and his son is carrying on his work.

Clara Takacs, Outreach Librarian for the Hammond Public Library, was also at the meeting to present a slide program on the Twenties when it was thought that the Eurleys could not come. She first explained the Library's WeSS Program, We Serve Seniors. It is the Library's Outreach effort to serve senior citizens, handicapped and hearing impaired. She then showed the slide series entitled "Remembering 1924" that is one of several Bifolkal Productions that are available at the library for programming suggestions. Most of the audience had lived thru the twenties and remembered with the slides.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m. for refreshments and conversation.

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 1991  
ATTENDANCE

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
Jerry & Brenda Eurley	647 State Street, Hammond
Mr. & Mrs. Edward Eurley	Munster, IN
Kathryn Thegze	
Jean Shelton	Hammond
Jerome & Carol Kutak	Schererville
Thomas Rutkowski	Calumet City
Harold R. Story	Schererville
Rosemary & Ron Clarke	Hammond
Mary Milakovic	Hammond
Marguerite & George Elkins	Munster
Paul P. Petroskey	Hammond
Russell Petrie	Hammond
Mabelle Durand	Munster
Clarence Kolb	Hammond
Elmo Parlor	Hammond
Carter & Olive Martin	Hammond
Dorthey Falk	Highland
Marilyn Stevenson	Demotte
Marilynn Steinmetz	Hammond
Ferd Miller	Hammond
Edward L. Hanish	Hammond
W. Lammering	Hammond
Lorraine Fleming	Hammond
Joan Marie Ornellas	Hammond
Lois & Bob Sherby	Hammond
Ruth K. Hayward	Hill, N.H. 03243
Marion Wheeler	Hammond
Olympia Bereolos Anton	8111 Hohman, Munster
Robert O. Kindle	7210 Baring Parkway, Hammond
Louise Lukowski	252 Southmoor, Hammond
Ed Lukowski	252 Southmoor, Hammond
Gene Anderson	829 State St. Hammond
Martha Steele	Calumet City
Toni Caldwell	Hammond
Marjorie Sohl	Highland

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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20, 1991

The president, Robert Kindle, called the October meeting of the Hammond Historical Society to order at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, October 20, 1991 in the Community Room of the Hammond Public Library. Forty-two members and friends signed the attendance sheet.

Current officers were introduced and new members who were attending were recognized. Ed Hanish, member, who recently received the Odd Fellows Lodge recognition of Meritorious Award based on lifetime accomplishments of service showed his award and was applauded. Two members who recently passed away were recognized, Clarence Kolb and Milton Miriam.

President Kindle recently attended the Mayor's meeting on future plans for Hammond and commented on the third groundbreaking for the Hohman Avenue Overpass and the imminent destruction of the Indiana Hotel Building. In connection with that, Kathryn Thegze reported that Joe Dunajeski of the Hammond Preservation Commission recently received permission to go into the basement of the Indiana Hotel Building and retreave boxes of old negatives and equipment left there when the Bodie Photographic Studio moved out. They were moved to the basement of the Hammond Public Library and as they can be sorted through, it is hoped will reveal some valuable old pictures of the city of Hammond.

The Treasurer reported a current balance of \$2,016.68 on September 31, 1991.

The speaker for today was introduced by Vice President Wanda Seavers. Mr. Arthur Meyers, Director of the Hammond Public Library recognized the close association of the library with the society which was nurtured from its beginning by former director Edward Hayward.

Mr. Meyers spoke to us in September, 1990, on his personal research of the German-American community in Hammond before World War I. In furthering his research to the period between the wars, he became fascinated with the work of the Beth-El Open Forum which later became the Hammond Open Forum as it existed from 1924 to 1943. He centered his research of the past year upon that subject and shared the results with us today.

In the pre- and post-war years of World War I, open forums were the expression places of the thinking population. Hammond was an exploding population in the 20's and 30's in size and ideas. Rabbi Max Bretton at Temple Beth-El sensed this need for expression and with the support of early leaders in the Temple, Arthur Weiss and Dr. Hedwig Kuhn, the Beth-El Open Forum started October 20, 1924. The Conkey home on Hohman Avenue had been purchased in 1923 by the reformed group which had separated from the Beth Israel Synagogue on Sibley Street. The home was remodeled and provided an auditorium for the forum to meet. Arthur Weiss served as the moderator and carried on the forum after Rabbi Bretton left in a few years. Dr. Kuhn was involved in it from its beginning also. Sixteen lectures were offered for \$6 for the series. They met on Tuesdays at 8:15 p.m. for 19 years throughout the

winter. One hundred to one hundred fifty attended regularly to the series that discussed a broad scope of ideas in this most narrow minded state and city that had become the center for much prejudiced Ku Klux Klan activities. Speakers of national renown were brought to Hammond such as Clarence Darrow, Sherwood Anderson, Will Durant, Dr. John Haynes Holmes, NAACP founder, and Charles Beard, a very controversial historian. The only local lecturers used the first year were Rev. Peter Langendorff and Superintendent Lee L. Caldwell.

Mr. Meyers concluded that the first year of speakers showed the vision of the planners to bring people to the community who would help open minds, it showed courage to invite controversial people with a strong voice for liberal causes, and it carried forward the ideals of Reformed Judaism. The forum continued in the same challenging vein until it ended in 1943, probably due partly to gas rationing. In 1938 the speaker, Eleanor Roosevelt, drew such a crowd that the meeting was held in the Hammond Civic Center.

Mr. Meyers' research led him to interviews or correspondence with daughters of both Rabbi Bretton and Arthur Weiss who supplied first hand memories.

The meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m. with refreshments and conversation.

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20, 1991  
ATTENDANCE

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<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>PHONE</u>
Robert Kindle		844-2596
Wanda Seavers	18257 Roy St, Lansing, IL	708-474-3435
Rich Horst	7212 Pierce, Merrillville	769-6594
Anne Baciu	6822 California, Hammond	845-0461
Florence Cross Gallagher	1321 Birchwood, #205, Chicago, 60626	274-9624
Caryl Juergens	437 Lewis St, Hammond	931-3233
Marguerite Elkins	8010 Monroe Ave, Hammond	836-5457
Frederick Juergens	437 Lewis St, Hammond	931-3233
George W. Elkins	8010 Monroe Ave, Hammond	836-5457
Harold Story	2020 Sherwood Lake Dr, Schererville	865-8494
Kathryn Thegze		
Mr. & Mrs. A. C. Colby	910 Ridge Road, Munster	836-0778
Hazel Paterson	6921 Walnut, #247, Hammond	844-3415
Daisy Nicter	6821 Walnut, #247, Hammond	844-3415
Jeanette Shelton	6330 Monroe Ave, Hammond	932-3393
Arthur Meyers	6537 Kansas Ave, Hammond	844-6115
Roland & Rosemary Clarke	7519 Jackson Ave, Hammond	931-5964
Gene Anderson	829 State St, Hammond	933-7468
Edw. H. Lukowski, Jr.	252 Southmoor, Hammond	933-7665
Louise Lukowski	252 Southmoor, Hammond	933-7665
Edward & Velma Hanish	6422 Van Buren, Hammond	932-2293
Ressea Pobne	7124	932-
Mabel Durand	910 Ridge Road	836-1042
Violet Milne	Dyer Blvd, Hammond	931-9014
Hermine Cutler	7003 Arizona Ave, Hammond	844-0433
Marilyn Stevenson	Demotte, IN	
Dorothy Falk	Highland	
Paul & Toni Caldwell	7218 Madison Ave, Hammond	932-1211
Helen Ehrlich	7007 Forest Ave, Hammond	931-1340
Thomas Rutkowski	1259 Memorial Dr. Calumet City	708-862-2389
Fred & Mary Jane Messman	7140 Baring Ave, Hammond	845-0945
Robert & Lois Sherby	6919 Ridgeland, Hammond	844-6796
Tony & Olive Seidler	1610 Camellia Dr, Munster	922-1215
D. Djenka	Hammond	
Marge Sohl		



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## The Hammond Historical Society

BALANCE ON HAND 8/31/91

\$2,103.73

## RECEIPTS

Dues	185.00
Interest (Bank)	7.15
Books	508.00
Donations	<u>10.00</u> 710.15
	<u>2,813.88</u>

## DISBURSEMENTS

Indiana H, Society	20.00
Locks (cabinet)	34.60
Service Chg.(bank)	8.20
Program	25.00
Advance for Micro Film (Kutak)	720.00
International Fest.(space)92	15.00
International Fest.(Dep)	20.00
Stamps	29.00
Inst.Print(Appl.Forms)	<u>15.00</u> 886.80
	<u>1,927.08</u>

Balance on Hand 9/31/91 \$2,016 .68

Balance in Savings \$2,728.74

Checks Out \$89.60



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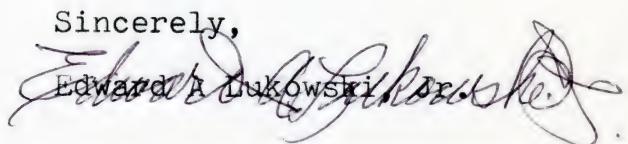
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HAMMOND, IND. 46324-2546.

Sept. 14, 1991

Mr. Robert D Kindle, Presindent  
HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

I, EDWARD A LUKOWSKI, JR. due duly except the office 2nd.  
Vice-Presindent, HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY, by the Board-Director  
meeting Saturday September 14, 1991., 11:A.M.

Sincerely,

  
Edward A. Lukowski

c.c./EAL.

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
BOARD MEETING  
Sunday, November 17, 1991

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The Board of Directors of the Hammond Historical Society met on Sunday, November 17, 1991 at 1:15 p.m. in the Calumet Room of the Hammond Public Library. President Bob Kindle presided. Sixteen members were present.

The treasurer, Louise Lukowski reported a balance of \$1988.21. Membership chairman, Ed Lukowski submitted a list of dues paid in September and October, including eleven new members and two life members. Four members died in the two months. Discussion of unpaid membership dues resulted in the decision members would not be dropped until after a warning in the May, 1992 newsletter to members unpaid since 1989.

Kathryn reported that she was holding in the Calumet Room the collection of pictures of the Society's presidents removed from the case in the Community Room to enlarge the Achievement Award display area. Toni Caldwell moved, Tom Rutkowski second, carried a motion to purchase a scrapbook in which to mount them and keep it up to date in the Calumet Room.

Kathryn also reported that the volunteers working on preparing the files in acid-free containers have almost finished the pamphlets and clippings and will soon start on the pictures. Olympia Bereolos Anton who has been working on the project fell and broke her arm and nose. Tom Rutkowski moved, Toni Caldwell second, carried a motion to send her a card from the society. The secretary will do.

Carol Kutak reported the annual dinner will be at the First Presbyterian Church at Highland and Hohman on May 18. They will be celebrating their 100th Anniversary. Rev. Philip Smith will be the speaker on the church's history.

Wanda Seevers reported the Achievement Award Committee has been meeting and selected the Awardee for 1992 to be Claude A. Mayberry, founder and editor of Science Weekly, an elementary school level science news magazine.

Toni Caldwell expressed thanks for all the good things that have been said about the new publication, "Pages from the Past." Member Milton Merian who died last month and whose experience was in the printing business, commented on its excellance when it was the last thing he was able to read. Discussion again centered on the possibility of republishing Warren Reeder's out-of-print book on the Hagenbeck-Wallace Circus fire.

Wanda Seevers outlined the programs scheduled in the future:  
Jan. 19 - Early Film Exhibitions in Indiana by Dr. Toni Morris, yet unconfirmed.  
Feb. 16 - Boy Scout Anniversary  
March 15 - Nancy Henry, daughter of J. Ralston Miller.

Next Board meeting was set for 1:15 p.m. on Sunday, February 16, 1992. The meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
BOARD MEETING  
ATTENDANCE

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Bob Kindle  
Louise Lukowski  
Harold R. Story  
Ron Clarke  
Jerome & Carol Kutak  
Wanda Seavers  
Paul & Toni Caldwell  
Robert Sherby  
Edward A. Lukowski, Jr.  
Mary Milakovic  
Edward L. Hanish  
Kathryn Thegze  
Marge Sohl  
Thomas Rutkowski



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## The Hammond Historical Society

BALANCE ON HAND 9/30/91

\$2,016.68

### RECEIPTS

Dues	40.00
Books Pagea from Past	50.00
Books (Misc)	10.00
Lake Cty Library	21.00
Int from Bank	<u>7.08</u> \$128.08

2144.76

### DISBURSEMENTS

Refreshments	25.00
New Checks (Treas)	72.10
Locks (Cabinet	34.60
Ind. Historical Society	20.00
Bank Service Chg.	<u>4.85</u> 156.55

156.55

Balance on Hand 10/31/91 \$1,988.21

Balance in Saving Acct. 10/31/91 \$2,728.74

Checks Out \$35.00





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# The Hammond Historical Society

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HAMMOND, INDIANA 46324

November 17, 1991

OFFICERS - BOARD of DIRECTORS MEETING.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

September 1991.

New Members:-

92. Benoit, Robert.	92. Messman, Fred Mr & Mrs.
92. Halcarz, Micheal A.	92. Muresan, John.
93. LaHayne, Elden B. Mr. & Mrs.	92. Writt, James E.
93. LaHayne, Elden V. Mr. & Mrs.	92. Tobin, Dennis Mr. & Mrs.

Deceased:-

93. Kolb, Clarence G. Age 75.  
Rueter, Lillian E. Age 91.  
Rueter, Louis. Age 99.

Annual Dues:-

93. Beaty, C. Mr. & Mrs.	93. Rowley, F. C.
93. Bellamy, C. Mr. & Mrs.	93. Schultz, C. R.
92. Callopy, C.	93. See, W. Mr. & Mrs.
93. Campbell, E. Mrs.	93. Seidler A. Mr. & Mrs.
92. Durand, M.	92. Shelton, J.
92. Ebert, R.	92. Sister. Agatha Therese. (McGarry)
93. Erb, T. Mr. & Mrs.	92. Sister. Laurita. (Aubry)
92. Grant, G. Ms.	92. Sister. Patricia Clare. (Beggs)
93. Hoover, K. Mr. & Mrs.	LM. Cmitley, R.(MD.) & Mrs.
92. Kolb, J. Mr. & Mrs.	93. Steele, M.
92. Korba, M. Mr. & Mrs.	92. Storey, I.
93. McIlwain, R.	92. Storey, H. R.
93. McKinlay, A. Mr. & Mrs.	LM. Thompson N. Mrs.
93. Mott, F Mr. & Mrs.	93. Tobin, J. Mr. & Mrs.
92. Newell, L.	92. Tobin, T. Mr. & Mrs.
92. Nichols, Wm. Mr.	92. Tobin, M.
93. Noldin, R. Mrs.	93. Victor, M. Mr. & Mrs.
92. Parsons, C. Mr. & Mrs.	93. Ward, J. Mr. & Mrs.
93. Pennington, A. Mr. & Mrs.	

Address Changed:-

Nins (9) Members. - Cards - File - Changed.

REMARKS:

LIFE MEMBERSHIP:

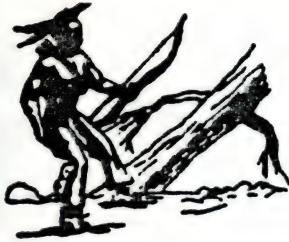
09/09/91. THOMPSON, Mrs. NORMA. Hammond, Ind.

Received the SOCIETY Gold LIFE MEMBERSHIP Card by mail.

Congregation Mrs. NORMA TOMPSON.



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# The Hammond Historical Society

~~MEMBER LIST~~  
HAMMOND, INDIANA 46324

November 17, 1991.

OFFICERS - BOARD of DIRECTORS MEETTING.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT.

October 1991.

New Members:-

- 92. Mauck, Robert Mr. & Mrs. Lansing, Il.
- 92. Kinach, Arlene. Munster, In.
- 93. Baciu, Anne Hammond, In.

Deceased:

- 91. Merian, Mr. Milton L. Age 84. 10/11/'91.

Annual Dues:

- 93. Baciu, Anne.
- 94. Baker, Gerrit Mr.
- 92. Colby, Averill C. Mr.
- 92. Gooley, Walter Mr.
- 93. Hindmarch, Margery Mrs.
- 92. Juergens, Fredick Mr. &mrs.
- 92. Kinach, Arlene.
- 92. Mauck, Robert Mr. & Mrs.
- 94. Meyer, Francis Mr.

Address Change:

- 92. Zacher, Wm. Mr. &Mrs. R.R. #3 - Box 128 - Rensselaer, In.

REMARKS:



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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 1991

The Hammond Historical Society met on Sunday, November 17, 1991 in the Community Room of the Hammond Public Library. President Bob Kindle called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m. Forty members and friends signed the roster.

The treasurer reported an October 31 balance of \$1988.21.

Wanda Seavers announced the Hammond Achievement Award selection for 1992 would be Claude A. Mayberry, founder and editor of Science Weekly, an elementary school level science news magazine. The award dinner will be on Tuesday, April 28, 1992. She also read a letter from Senator Dan Coates concerning the on-going publication of Hoosier Heroes and the seeking of input of names of persons that should be considered for inclusion in it.

Wanda then introduced the speaker for the day, John Hanyzewski, who is one of the three sons of Paul and Sally Hanyzewski, now operating the Thompson Printers.

Thompson Printers began 72 years ago in 1919 in the back of the Homer J. Postlewaite Stationary/Printing business. By 1924 they separated and Postlewaite Printing was established in the distinctly designed building at Russell Street and State Line Avenue and grew to a full fledged printer "second to none in the Northern Indiana District." (excluding the world's largest, Rand McNally.) The philosophy of the founder Postlewaite was responsible for the early growth of the business and is strictly followed today: "A quality product usually has a consistent demand."

Jack Thompson bought the business in the early '40's and changed the name to Thompson Printing. In 1946 Paul Hanyzewski, a sophomore at Hammond Tech, began making bicycle deliveries in the afternoons for Thompson while taking printing courses at Tech. After graduating and a tour of duty in the Marines, he became a pressman at Thompson's. In 1948 Ralph Beer operated the business and two years later Jack McNaulty bought the business and it became Thompson McNaulty, Inc.

Jack McNaulty, after about five years, bought a new Young Web Press that could print three colors at one time. He sold the capabilities of this press to the feed industry and to this day that work accounts for over 10% of Thompson's sales.

In May, 1971, Paul Hanyzewski, then shop foreman, purchased the business from the estate of Jack McNaulty and changed the name back to Thompson Printing Co. to take advantage of the well established reputation of the firm. They expanded their capabilities by adding an offset press to their letterpress. They continued to grow and enlarged the building in 1985 keeping the same English architecture in the addition and adding a two color Heidelberg Press from England. In 1989 they added a second two color Heidelberg Press. Their last expansion was in 1990 when they leased the American Optical building on State Line to establish their own dark room and do their own photographic preparations.

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The many fast-print techniques of the last few years has effected some of the steady printing business demands, but good quality product printing is still their speciality and their service area reaches from north of Chicago to south of Shelbyville and feed labels are sent all over the country. They have modernized with computers, phones and fax machines but they still depend on word of mouth of satisfied customers for quality printing done with pride by dedicated workers.

The meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m. for refreshments and conversation.

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 1991  
ATTENDANCE

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<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>PHONE</u>
Carol & Jerome Kutak		
Arlene Kinach		
Caryl Juergens		
Frederick Juergens		
Peggy Juergens		
Kenneth Juergens		
Betty Gehrke		
Clarence Gehrke		
Marion Wheeler		
Gene Anderson		
Ron Clarke		
Harold Story		
Tony Seidler		
Olive Seidler		
Jerry Charles		
Mary D.Laurier Charles		
Kathryn Thegze		
Mary Milakovic		
Tom Rutkowski		
Bob Kindle		
Ed Lukowski		
Louise Lukowski		
Ruth & John Swanson		
Velma & Ed Hanish		
Dorothy Falk		
Marilyn Stevenson		
Carter & Olive Martin		
Robert & Lois Sherby		
Fred & Mary Jane Messman		
Paul & Toni Caldwell		
Hermine Cutler		
Marge Sohl		

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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
SUNDAY, JANUARY 19, 1992

The January meeting of the Hammond Historical Society was held on Sunday, January 19, 1992 at 2:30 p.m. in the Community Room of the Hammond Public Library. President Bob Kindle presided. Thirty-eight members and friends signed the attendance sheet.

Minutes of the last meeting had been published in the newsletter. The treasurer reported a current balance of \$1886.69.

Program chairman Wanda Seevers introduced the speaker for today, Mr. Matt Figi, President of the Northwest Indiana Genealogical Society. Mr. Figi is also a teacher of mathematics and computer science at Highland High School and he moved his classroom technique to our meeting. He conducted a hands on workshop by walking everyone present through the beginning forms to formerly record their family history. He provided each with the standard Everton Publishers forms to record your four generation ancestor chart and also a family group sheet. He was able to answer most of the questions that arise when one starts to delve into family relationships.

Mr. Figi stressed the importance of our putting down in some form the known information at this time because the longer it is delayed, the harder it is to find. He went over some of the places one can search for names and dates to complete the charts after you have done what you remember:

1. Search your house for newspaper clippings, family Bibles, photo albums.
2. Write to relatives and send a stamped self-addressed envelope to assure an answer.
3. Interview relatives, both local and distant. Try to find dates in print because memories are sometimes not accurate.
4. Check surname indexes if any have been done locally.
5. Check church records for baptism, marriage and burial dates and survivors.
6. Check cemetery records.
7. Check census records at your local library, Valparaiso Library or borrow from the National Archives.
8. Check court houses for probate records.
9. Check land and property records at city or county clerks offices.
10. Check any town or county histories that have been written.
11. Check naturalization records which have been published for 1850 - 1945.
12. Recommended the book "Genealogist's Bible" published by Everton Publishers who publish the forms we used. It gives names and addresses of further sources, state by state.
13. The Magazine, Genealogical Helper, available by subscription only and at some libraries.
14. Join a Genealogical Society to keep you informed and enthused. There are local, area and state organizations.

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m. for refreshments and further conversations.

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
 SUNDAY, JANUARY 19, 1882  
 ATTENDANCE

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<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>PHONE</u>
Wanda Seavers	18259 Ray St. Lansing	708-474-3435
Gene Anderson	829 State St. Hammond	933-7468
Jerome F. Kutak	1415 St. Andrews Drive, Schererville	865-6065
Carol Kutak		
Toni Caldwell	7218 Madison Ave. Hammond	932-1211
Thomas Rutkowski	1259 Memorial Dr. Calumet City	862-2387
Shirley Parsons	25 Waltham St. Hammond	931-2993
Charles W. Parsons		
Jack Bixemah	942 Cypress Point Drive, Apt D111	663-3259
John & Juanita Cody	8636 Monroe Ave, Munster	836-1271
Helen Earlich	7007 Forest Ave, Hammond	931-1340
Irene Maginot	6939 Jackson Ave, Hammond	931-5659
Rosemary Clarke	7519 Jackson Ave, Hammond	931-5964
Ron Clarke		
Shirle Kowalsyn	221 - 173rd Pl. Hammond	933-6317
Suzanne Long	6621 Monroe Ave. Hammond	931-1013
Edmund R. Lelito	205 Terrace Dr. Munster	836-2101
Steve Jones	1111 - 169th Pl. Hammond	932-4817
Mark Venzke	P. O. Box 1024, Hammond	
G. M. Peiffer, M.D.	6541 Forest Ave. Hammond	
Averill & Rosemary Colby	910 Ridge Road, Munster	
Tony & Olive Seidler	1610 Camellia Dr. Munster	
Hermine Cutler	7003 Arizona Ave. Hammond	
Marguerite & George Elkins	8010 Monroe Ave. Munster	836-5457
William Weinand	618 Gordon Ave. Calumet City	708-862-8534
O. Ahearn	7048 Forest Ave. Hammond	932-5300
Joshua Lee Galiher	2618 Wicker Ave. Highland	838-6545
Harold R. Story	2020 Sherwood Lake Drive, Schererville	865-8494
Fern E. Arnold	8806 Woodward Ave. Highland	923-2045
Bob Kindle	7210 Baring Pkwy, Hammond	844-2596
Kathryn Thegze	7435 Olcott Ave, Hammond	844-2022
Louise Lukowski	252 Southmoor St. Hammond	933-7665
Ed. Lukowski		
Marjorie Sohl	9519 Southmoor Ave. Highland	924-7525

# The Hammond Historical Society

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564 State Street  
Hammond, Indiana 46320

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BALANCE ON HAND 11/31/91 \$1,988.21

## RECEIPTS

Dues	70.00	
Books	20.00	
Int on checking	<u>6.58</u>	96.58
		<u>96.58</u>
		2,084.79

## DISBURSEMENTS

Postmaster Permit	325.00	
and Mailing		
Bank Service Chg.	<u>5.15</u>	<u>330.15</u>
		<u>330.15</u>
		1,754.64

Balance on Hand 11/31/91 \$1,754.64

Balance in Savings Acct. \$2,728.74

Check out \$35.00

# The Hammond Historical Society

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BALANCE ON HAND 12/91

\$1,754.64

## RECEIPTS

Dues	30.00
Int on checking	6.45
Books	50.00
Misc Books	<u>50.00</u> 136.45
	<u>136.45</u> <u>1,891.09</u>

## DISBURSEMENTS

Bank Service chg.	<u>4.40</u> 4.40
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4.40  
1,886.69

Balance on Hand \$1,886.69

Balance in Savings Acct \$2,728.74

Checks out \$35.00

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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
BOARD MEETING  
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 1992

The Board of Directors of the Hammond Historical Society met on Sunday, February 16, 1992 at 1:15 p.m. in the Calumet Room of the Hammond Public Library. Bob Kindle presided. Fifteen members attended.

The meeting was called to order at 1:40 p.m. Minutes of the November 17, 1991 board meeting were read and approved. The treasurer reported a January 31 balance of \$1470.29. The bank service charge to a non-profit organization was questioned.

Membership Chairman Ed. Lukowski reported checking on nine persons on the list marked NA. One was a reporter at THE TIMES, no longer there.

Wanda Seevers reported programs were confirmed for the rest of this year but a new date needs to be set for April because of Easter.

Kathryn reported receiving notice from the Indiana Historical Society that for any new memberships received by May 30, our Society would be awarded \$5.00. She also reported that the granddaughter of William Kleihege was interested in receiving her grandfather's chair which was given to the Society some years ago and is housed in the Calumet Room. Jerry Kutak advised that legally, a gift is not revokable and is the property of the society. In the meantime the granddaughter is satisfied with a picture of the chair sent to her. She lives in Oregon and transportation of the chair of its size would be questionable.

Kathryn reported that the video on Hammond history that the Preservation Commission has been making to be used in the schools at the 3rd, 4th and 5th grade levels is now finished. It was shown on trial at Lafayette School recently and response of the children was favorable. Kathryn moved, Toni seconded and carried a motion that the Society purchase a copy of the video for the Calumet Room Collection and a copy for the library to circulate in its video collection. Depending on the number ordered, the price will be about \$16 each.

Ed. Hanish needed to reserve space by March 31 for the Historical Society at the International Cultural Festival at Howard Library on September 12 and 13. A motion was made by Ed Hanish, second by Toni Caldwell and carried that we again participate in the festival.

Bob Kindle had been notified by THE TIMES reporter Ernie Hernandez that Harry Black, local author, was to be given the Saginaw of the Wabash Award for community involvement by the Governor. They would like to present it at a meeting. We suggested it be done at our annual meeting May 18 at the Presbyterian Church. The State would send a representative to make the presentation.

Another local author was mentioned that was reported in THE TIMES recently: Bill Garson who was born on State Line in Hammond and is having his fifth book published this month, "Where are you now, Billy Boy?"

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Bob Kindle also reported that Brian Poland, the Assistant City Planner is looking for a place to store the clock and the cornerstone from the Goldblatt Building if it is torn down. They want to use them in the new building if one is built on the location. Some people want parts from the Indiana Hotel Building also. Jack Turner, Building Commissioner is the person to contact.

On a motion by Toni Caldwell, second by Carol Kutak, carried, the April meeting was set for Sunday, April 26 because the regular meeting Sunday is Easter. The Board meeting was scheduled for 1:15 p.m. that day.

A nominating committee was needed to act in time for the April 1 newsletter deadline. Wanda Seavers agreed to be chairman of the committee of Tom Rutkowski, Ed Hanish, Jerry Peiffer and Mary Milakovic.

Tom Rutkowski moved, Paul Caldwell second, carried a motion to have the treasurer to check with the Gainor Bank why we are being charged a service charge and see if any bank will handle our account without such a charge.

The meeting adjourned at 2:25 p.m. to be followed by the regular membership meeting.

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

#### ATTENDANCE

Harold N. Story  
Carol & Jerome Kutak  
Edward Hanish  
Toni Caldwell  
Louise Lukowski  
Wanda Seavers  
Mary Milakovic  
Kathryn Thegze  
Edw. N. Lukowski  
Thomas Rutkowski  
Ron Clarke  
Paul Caldwell  
Bob Kindle  
Marge Sohl

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 1992

The Hammond Historical Society met on Sunday, February 16, 1992 at 2:30 p.m. in the Community Room of the Hammond Public Library. Bob Kindle presided. Twenty four attended.

The meeting opened with the scouts of Troop 207 presenting the colors, reciting the Pledge of Allegiance, the scout oath, the scout laws, and the playing of the Star Spangled Banner.

Louise Lukowski presented the treasurer's report showing a balance of \$1470.29 January 31, 1992.

Don Parker, current Scout Field Executive, gave a brief statement that the scouting movement started in England in 1907 but was introduced in America in 1910 by William D. Boyce. He then introduced the two men responsible for today's display and presentation, Millard H. Fleming, a retired scout master and Pete Cyganowicz. They called on our membership chairman, Ed. Lukowski and George French, District Advancement Chairman, who were in the audience for support and confirmation of facts. Mr. Cyganowicz read a seven page condensation of local scout history done some years ago by John Wilhelm as a part of Hammond's history.

Floyd Adams was responsible for organizing the first local boy scout troop in the First ~~Baptist~~ <sup>Sesquicentennial</sup> Church with fifteen members. Levi Golden was the first scoutmaster and Mr. Fleming had arranged a display of the charters of the Hammond scout troops showing the names and addresses of their members, reading like a roll call of family names of Hammond's early history. Outdoor camping was the backbone of the early scouting movement. The first camp for this area scouts was located at Cedar Lake and a few years later one at Lake Eliza conducted by Lawrence Harris and his wife Hannah. Scouts participated in the building of Liberty Hall in 1918, the hall that was built in one day at the corner of Fayette and Hohman for bond rallies. In 1920 Mrs. Wicker donated land and Camp Wicker was developed in the area of the current Wicker Park. By 1920, 17 troops had been organized. I.K. Scott became the scout executive (until 1936) and Camp Betz in Michigan donated by Frank Betz, became the camp that most scouts remembered. The first Eagle Scout award was made May 22, 1922. The Sea Scout movement developed to retain older scouts and met at the Methodist Church. J. Tide Cook and Al Crews were responsible for its launching in August, 1926. Raymond J. Donovan followed I.K. Scott as executive from 1936 to 1959. A parade of leaders for a few years each followed. This district is called the Peacepipe district and many of the trails around here date from the early Indian trails thru the area. On display besides the early charters were examples of some of the early crafts probably made by Levi Golden: carved pieces with movable parts carved from a single piece of wood, a small log cabin, a collapsible lamp from the 1910 era, and some early American Boy magazines.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m. when light refreshments were served.

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
 SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 1992  
 ATTENDANCE

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<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>PHONE</u>
Wanda Seevers	18257 Roy Street, Lansing	708-474-3435
Jerome & Carol Kutek	1415 St. Andrews, Schererville	865-6065
George French	7103 Northcote Ave, Hammond	845-3526
Don Parker		
Jean Shelton	6330 Monroe Ave, Hammond	932-3393
G.M. Peiffer, M.D.	6541 Forest Ave, Hammond	933-2022
E. Peterson	1647 Central Ave, Whiting	
Harold Story	2020 Sherwood Lake Dr. Schererville	865-8494
Rosemary & Roland Clarke	7519 Jackson Ave, Hammond	931-5964
Mary Milakovic	935 - 169th St, Hammond	931-9869
Hermine Cutler	7003 Arizona Ave. Hammond	
Kathryn Thegze	7435 Olcott Ave, Hammond	844-2022
Velma & Edward Hanish	6422 Van Buren Ave, Hammond	932-2293
Toni & Paul Caldwell	7218 Madison Ave, Hammond	932-1211
Thomas Rutkowski	1259 Memorial Dr, Calumet City	708-862-2309
Ed. Lukowski, Jr.	Hammond	
Louise Lukowski	Hammond	
Millard H. Fleming	Hammond	845-0331
Pete Cyganowicz	7030 California Ave, Hammond	844-4280
Marge Sohl		

# The Hammond Historical Society

564 State Street  
Hammond, Indiana 46320

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BALANCE ON HAND 1-30-92 \$1,660.99

## RECEIPTS

Dues	75.00
Interest Bank	5.69
Books Pages from the Past	40.00
Books (Misc)	<u>22.50</u>
	<u>143.19</u>
	<u>1,804.18</u>

## DISBURSEMENTS

Mailing Newsletter	325.00
Supplies Marg	4.19
Bank Service Charge	<u>4.70</u>
	<u>333.89</u>
	<u>333.89</u>
	1,470.29

Balance on Hand 1-31-92 \$1,470.25

Savings Account \$2,764.85

Check Out \$35.00

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Hammond Historical Society  
Sunday, March 15, 1992

The March meeting of the Hammond Historical Society was held on March 15, 1992 at 2:30 p.m. in the Community Room of the Hammond Public Library. President Robert Kindle presided. Thirty-five members and friends signed the attendance sheet. Louise Lukowski reported a balance February 29, 1992 of \$1714.87. Bob Kindle encouraged attendance at the Hammond Achievement Award dinner on April 28. Tickets are available from him or Marge Sohl or any Hammond library.

Wanda Seavers introduced the speaker for today, Nancy Jean Miller Henry to speak for her father on the Miller family. She was the daughter of John Ralston and Nancy Claire Miller, a long time member of the Historical Society until his entry in 1987 to the Regency Place Nursing Center in Dyer.

The Miller family lived in the large brick house at 37 Waltham Street for fifty-five years. After her mother died in 1984 she had the responsibility of sorting thru eleven large rooms, a full attic and basement of her mother's saved treasures.

Her mother's father, Charles B Miller, (called C.B.) came from Scotland in 1901 and worked for Standard Steel Company, later renamed Pullman Standard, in Butler, Pennsylvania. There he met her grandmother, Ethel Claire Brandon and they were married in October, 1905. C.B. was transferred to the Chicago office in 1907 and they lived in Hammond in a house he had built at the northwest corner of Highland and Harrison. They were active members of the First Presbyterian Church as was her father's father.

Dr. Albion John Miller, her paternal grandfather, was born to John H. Miller and Sarah Hammond. John Miller fought in the Civil War. His wife, Sarah Hammond was the sister of Abram Adams Hammond, the 12th governor of Indiana for three months following the sudden death of Governor Ashbel Willard. It is from that connection that Nancy's family has always contended that Hammond was named for him, but they have no proof. John and Sarah died in 1870 leaving 8 year old Albion to be raised by Sarah's sister and husband, Judge Chilicote in Rensselaer. He graduated from Harvey Medical School in 1898 and married Esther Ralston in 1904. They lived in Rensselaer where he practiced and her father, John Ralston, was born there. They moved to Hammond in 1912 where they both practiced at 866 Calumet Avenue, now 5722 Calumet.

Nancy's mother and father both attended Wallace School where they met in second grade. Both had the family name of Miller. He went to Lafayette School for 5th, 6th and 7th grade and then to Hammond High where he graduated in 1923.

Dr. Albion Miller worked as a part time telegraph operator in Dyer. His wife saw J. Ralston's early fascination with telegraph and wireless work and she took him in 1919 to Dodge Radio School in Valpo, now Valpo Technical Institute. His mother took a course in the Morse code but Ralston learned the Continental Code and studied wireless radio and telegraphy. With special permission to enter because of his youth, he received his HAM license and call letters 9CP on

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December 5, 1919, only the 65th issued after World War I. He studied and kept adept at both of the codes. Later in the '20's the "W" was added to his call letters.

J. Ralston Miller, W9CP, made world wide news as a HAM operator and Western Union operator when he was able to keep in touch with the George Palmer Putnam scientific expedition in the Arctic. He received their messages in Continental Code and transmitted them over Western Union lines in Morse Code to New York, being one of the few world wide operators to use both codes. As a result of this ability he got a job in 1929 with NBC in Chicago where he worked until he retired in 1966. He continued to operate as a HAM from his Hammond home until 1987 where his antenna was mounted on top of a 40 foot telephone pole.

Mr. Miller has been active in the Gideons since 1939, in the Presbyterian church since 1916, ran the Prohibition Party for Lake County, and ran his own television repair business.

Nancy's mother was active in PTA work, school Band and Orchestra Parent's Association, Sunday School, DAR, Women's Club and church women's groups.

Nancy's brother, Charles Ralston, lives in California and is in the ministry, also having done much teaching and writing.

Nancy met her husband while both played in the Hammond High Band and Orchestra. They were married in 1952. He retired in 1990 after 34 years with the Mt. Prospect School District #57. Nancy and Bob raised three daughters and she has concentrated on Sunday School and Bible School work for the Presbyterian Church where she has authored some curriculum and devotional materials for Scripture Press.

Bib Kindle announced Harry Black, local author, has been awarded the Sagamore of the Wabash Award by the Indiana governor. It will be presented to him at our annual dinner meeting in May by a representative of the governor's office.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m. with refreshments and conversation.

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
 SUNDAY, MARCH 15, 1992  
 ATTENDANCE

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<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>PHONE</u>
Wanda Seevers	18257 Roy St. Lansing	708-474-3435
Thomas Rutkowski	1257 Memorial Dr. C.C.	708-862-2389
M/M George Elkins	8010 Monroe Ave. Munster	836-5457
M/M Herman Kudelka	7039 Baring Ave. Hammond	845-1126
M/M Fred Messman	7140 Baring Ave. Hammond	845-0445
Paul & Toni Caldwell	7218 Madison Ave. Hammond	932-1211
Mary Milakovic	935 - 169th St. Hammond	931-9869
Harry G. Black	7406 Monroe Ave. Hammond	932-1798
Hermine Cutler	7003 Arizona Ave. Hammond	844-0433
Dolores Shy	8959 Whiteoak Ave. Munster	923-7251
Russell Petrie	7124 Forest Ave, Hammond	932-8726
Mabelle Durand	910 Ridge Road, Munster	836-1042
Ferdinand Miller	7221 Southeastern, Hammond	845-0398
Vera Wood	733 Cherry St. Hammond	932-4173
Charles Parsons	25 Waltham St. Hammond	931-2993
Shirley Parsons	25 Waltham St. Hammond	931-2993
Mary Anne & Nolan Ahlborn	8943 Prairie Ave, Highland	838-2962
Betty Cheesebrough	3321 - 41st Place, Highland	924-8535
Marion Wheeler	921 - 173rd St. Hammond	931-9070
Bill & Rose McNabney	9016 Orchard Drive, Highland	923-6656
Alice Stelow	6122 Van Buren Ave, Hammond	932-9343
Mabel Hartfield	3111 Franklin St. Highland	923-9458
Jerome & Carol Kutak	1415 St. Andrews Dr. Schererville	865-6065
Gene Anderson	829 State St. Hammond	933-7468
Louise Lukowski	252 Southmoor, Hammond	933-7665
Ed Lukowski	252 Southmoor, Hammond	933-7665
Bob Kindle	7210 Baring Ave, Hammond	844-2596
Marge Sohl	9519 Southmoor Ave, Highland	924-7525

# The Hammond Historical Society

564 State Street  
Hammond, Indiana 46320

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BALANCE ON HAND 1-31-92 \$1,695.99

## RECEIPTS

Dues	30.00
Interest	4.78
Pages from the Past	10.00
Books Misc.	<u>16.50</u> <u>61.28</u>
	61.28
	1757.27

## DISBURSEMENTS

Bank Service Charge	4.80
Postage & Misc.	22.60
Cultural Fest.	<u>15.00</u> 42.40
	42.40
	1714.87

Balance on Hand 2-29-92 \$1,714.87

Balance in Savings \$2,765.85

Checks out 20.00 - 1.16

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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
BOARD MEETING  
SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 1992

The Board of Directors of the Hammond Historical Society met on Sunday, April 26, 1992 at 1:30 p.m. in the Staff Lounge of the Hammond Public Library. President Bob Kindle presided. Seventeen members attended.

Minutes were dispensed with. The treasurer reported an April 26th balance of \$1866.56. Ed Lukowski reported four members reinstated and two new members making a total of eleven new members for the year. Eighteen names of people who have not paid dues since 1990 will be deleted at the end of May. Eleven members have died during this year.

Arrangements are completed for the annual dinner at the First Presbyterian Church. Many reservations still need to come in. Harry Black will be presented the "Sagamore of the Wabash" award by a representative of the Governor's office. Nominating committee under Wanda Seavers' chairmanship needs to complete its slate of officers by then.

Reservations need to be completed today for the Hammond Achievement Award Dinner honoring Claude Mayberry on Tuesday, April 28.

Ed Hanish asked for volunteers to work at the International Cultural Festival booth on September 12-13 between 10 and 6. So far he has Kathryn, Ron and Louise.

Dr. Peiffer asked if the society possessed any home or place to operate a museum as she saw how full the Calumet Room was becoming. Bob explained the Library's recent offer of Sawyer Branch to use as a museum but which was denied because we have neither money or manpower to operate it. Mr. McNabney explained the museum for school memorabilia in Room 204 at the Hammond Career Center. Perhaps there should be a closer tie there with the Historical Society but at present it is available by appointment only.

Kathryn suggested we do something at the end of each year to recognize the services of Pam, Scott and Letty in reproducing our monthly newsletter. After some discussion, Ron moved, Kathryn seconded and the motion carried that they be invited to attend our annual dinner and be presented with a \$25 gift certificate from Carson's.  
*each*

Bob read a letter from Mr. Meyers in which he inquired if we ever considered the state statute which empowers the school city of a first class city to add on to its tax rate support money for a registered historical society. Gene Anderson confirmed that Hammond was only a second class city so did not qualify under that statute.

The meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m. The next board meeting was set for 1:15 p.m. on September 20, before our September meeting.

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
BOARD MEETING  
ATTENDANCE  
SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 1992

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Jerry & Carol Kutak  
G.M. Peiffer, M.D.  
Gene Anderson  
Ed Hanish  
Harold Story  
Edw. A. Lukowski  
Louise Lukowski  
Roland Clarke  
R. J. Sherby  
Kathryn Thegze  
Toni Caldwell  
Paul Caldwell  
Bill McNabney  
Wanda Seavers  
Bob Kindle  
Marge Sohl

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 1992

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The April meeting of the Hammond Historical Society was called to order by the president, Bob Kindle, at 2:35 p.m. on Sunday, April 26 in the Calumet Room of the Hammond Public Library. Thirty-eight signed the attendance roster.

Minutes of the last meeting were printed in the newsletter. The treasurer reported a balance of \$1866.56.

Carol Kutak encouraged reservations be made for the annual dinner meeting Monday, May 18 at the First Presbyterian Church where Rev. Smith will give a history of the church celebrating its 100th year and Harry Black will be awarded the Sagamore of the Wabash award by a representative of the Governor.

Jerry Murowski from Chicago Heights spoke briefly on the program he will give next fall about the race track in Roby where race cars were driven to the track from the surrounding area and then raced on the track. He will tell stories and entertain questions.

Mrs. Seevers introduced the speaker for the day, Mrs. Pam Yttri, daughter of Frances Meyers and granddaughter of Joseph Meyers, founder of the Indiana Botanical Gardens and the Calumet National Bank. Frances Meyers was the author of "Exercise designed for the aging" which is a program designed to delay the aging process. He was a pharmaceutical chemist and manager of the herb factory. He retired at age 65 and then began writing when he considered what he had done to feel so fit. He believed in the old adage that an ounce of prevention was worth a pound of cure. His book is the outgrowth of a man who has always been an exercise enthusiast. He rode a bicycle for forty years and an exercycle after that. He says that by keeping physically fit, you prevent deterioration before it is too late. Children have many choices of sports and activities in schools and sports centers but many of those are not available or are too strenuous for adults. General circulation is essential for good health. Spot exercising will affect precise body parts and stimulate general circulation. In 1956 President Eisenhower organized the first President's Council on Physical Fitness and presidents since then have been enthusiastic promoters of regular exercise to stay physically fit and to prevent degenerative diseases.

Mrs. Yttri presented each attendee with a paperback copy of the book and encouraged regular use of it. Upon questioning she clarified that her father, Frances, wrote this book and his brother, Clarence, wrote "The Herbalist."

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 with coffee and cookies served, but no exercise was attempted because the room was too crowded.

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

Hammond Historical Society  
Sunday, April 26, 1992  
Attendance

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<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>PHONE</u>
Wanda Seavers	18257 Ray, Lansing, IL	708-474-3435
Jerome & Carol Kutak	1415 Sunnyside, Schererville	865-6065
Gene Anderson	829 State St, Hammond	933-7468
Toni & Paul Caldwell	7218 Madison, Hammond	932-1211
Jean Shelton	6330 Monroe, Hammond	932-3393
Lois Sherby	6919 Ridgeland, Hammond	844-6796
Robert Sherby	6919 Ridgeland, Hammond	844-6796
Dorothy Hickman	7141 Baring Pkwy, Hammond	844-3451
Fern & Ruth Arnold	8806 Woodward, Highland	923-2045
Marion Wheeler	921 - 173rd, Hammond	931-9070
Velma & Ed Hanish	6422 Van Buren, Hammond	932-2293
Roland M. Clarke	7519 Jackson, Hammond	931-5964
D. Djenka		
Kathryn Thegze		
Bill & Rose McNabney	9016 Orchard Dr. Highland	923-6656
A. C. Colby		
Jerry & Mary Murowski	Chicago Heights, IL	
Marguerite & George Elkins	Munster, IN	836-5457
Geraldine M. Peiffer, M.D.	Hammond, IN	
Marjorie Halaburt	Hammond, IN	
Harry Black	7406 Monroe, Hammond	
Tony & Olive Seidler	Munster, IN	
Harold Story	Schererville, IN	865-8494
Lowell & Dorothy Cornwell	8046 Hohman, Munster	836-8007
Pam Yttri		
Bob Kindle		
Ed & Louise Lukowski		
Marge Sohl		

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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
MONDAY, MAY 18, 1992

The thirty-second annual dinner meeting of the Hammond Historical Society was held on Manday, May 18, 1992 at 6 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church, 6021 Hohman Avenue, Hammond. Eighty-eight members and friends were served dinner prepared by some of the women of the church. Robert Kindle welcomed those present. Rev. Phillip Smith offered the invocation. Dinner was served.

A brief business meeting was called to order at 7:45 p.m. Minutes of the last annual meeting had been published in the newsletter. Louise Lukowski summarized the annual financial statement as printed in the program. Bob Kindle thanked his officers and board and introduced them. He appealed for members to send in contributions for the newsletter.

Margaret Evans, Head of Technical Services of the Hammond Public Library was called upon to give a summary of the work done this year thru the Indiana Heritage Grant under her direction working to catalog all the books in the Calumet Room collection. Volunteers had worked 800 man hours putting materials in the pamphlet files into acid free folders. A third year grant has been received and work will continue this year on the picture file and the accumulated file of Hammond Times negatives. The Society's donation of \$720 for the microfilming of the 1930-1939 city directories was recognized and appreciated.

Wanda Seevers, chairman of the nominating committee presented the attached report. The nominees were introduced.

President - Robert Kindle  
1st V. P. - Wanda Seevers  
2nd V. P. - Robert Sherby (Membership)  
3rd V. P. - Gene Anderson (Publicity)  
4th V. P. - Antoinette Caldwell (Publications)  
5th V. P. - Helen McGrath (Annual Dinner)  
Secretary - Marjorie Sohl  
Treasurer - Lois Sherby  
Directors - Term expiring May, 1996  
Paul Caldwell  
Mary Milakovic  
Geraldine M. Peiffer  
Tom Rutkowski  
Isabel Storey  
Director - Term ending May, 1993 (Replacing Robert Sherby)  
Virginia Morgan  
Director - Term ending May, 1994 (Replacing Clarence Kolb)  
Carol Kutak

There being no furthur nominees, Wanda moved that the nominated slate be declared the elected slate, Ron Clarke seconded, carried. Carol Kutak was thanked as 5th Vice President for arranging for tonight's dinner meeting as Helen McGrath was elected to do so next year.

Ed Hanish asked for anyone who can volunteer to serve at the Hammond Historical Society booth at the International Cultural Festival September 12 and 13th to see him tonight or call him later.

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Ernie Hernandez, local businessman and writer was introduced. He appeared as a representative of Gov. Evan Bayh to present the Sagamore of the Wabash award to local author, Harry Black. The award was established by Gov. Gates in 1945 and is given to Hoosiers who promote their state. Harry has published eight books, most of which promote his state and interesting places in it to visit. The plaque was still in transit from Indianapolis, but Harry was profuse in his thanks for the honor and for all who had helped him in his research, both locally and throughout the state. He outlined his writing career that began with the publication in 1975 of his search for the Lost Dutchman mine in Arizona. While there he got inspired to search out interesting places in his own state. That has led to his books on Indiana published since 1981 and including two he is currently working on.

Toni Caldwell conducted a memorial service incorporating a dozen roses to memorialize twelve members who had passed away during the past year: Crawford Beaty, Virginia Beaty, Leo Bereolos, Mrs. Alfred Hayes, Clarence G. Klug, Clarence Kolb, Milton Meriam, Esther Paschen, Lillian Rueter, Louis Rueter, Col. Charles Sommers, Nattie Sommers.

Rev. Phillip Smith, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church and our host for this evening, welcomed us to their church which last year celebrated its 100th anniversary. He invited us to look at the displays around the walls highlighting events in their history and also to visit the sanctuary if we had not seen it. He summarized its history dating from the missionary's first visits in 1881 that took until January 12, 1891 to get the first petition signed to establish a church. Rev. Smith read the list of names of charter members, which included many familiar family names from Hammond history. The church met in several different places before the church was built at the corner of Highland and Hohman by selling stock to its members. An education wing was added in 1953 to accommodate a large Sunday School. The sanctuary was replaced in 1977-78 with the current building, symbolically shaped like a ship with a roof resembling the wings of a dove. The beautiful stained glass window on the West wall was a memorial for Bob Wilhelm by his wife, Marie.

In the audience was Virginia Parrett Morgan, daughter of Dr. Parrett who was pastor at the church for 21 years. She shared several stories of her life of growing up in the church.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m. with all in attendance invited to visit the sanctuary.

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

# The Hammond Historical Society

564 State Street  
Hammond, Indiana 46320

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BALANCE ON HAND #3-30-92 \$1,714.87

## RECEIPTS

Dues	55.00
Interest	5.54
Pages from the Past	100.00
Misc. Books	16.66
Books (Dr. Trusty)	50.00
	227.20
	<u>1,942.07</u>

## DISBURSEMENTS

Postage	1.16
Bank Service Charge	5.35
Ida Machine (Vidio)	69.00
	75.51
	<u>1,866.56</u>

Balance on Hand 4-31-92 \$1,866.56

Savings Account #3-30-92 \$2,795.91

Check Out \$69.00  
30.00

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President - Robert Kindle

1st Vice President - Wanda Seevers

2nd Vice President - ~~Robert~~ Lois Sherby

3rd Vice President - Gene Anderson

4th Vice President - Antoinette Caldwell

5th Vice President - Helen McGrath

Secretary - Marjorie - Sohl

Treasurer - ~~Robert~~ Sherby  
*Lois*

Directors - Term expiring May 1996

Paul Caldwell

Mary Milakovic

Geraldine M. Peiffer

Tom Rutkowski

Isabel Storey

Director - Term expiring May 1993  
(To replace Robert Sherby)

Virginia Morgan

Director - Term expiring May 1994  
(To replace Clarence Kolb)

Carol Kutak

Submitted by :

Wanda Seevers

*Wanda Seevers*

Ed Hanish

*Edward Hanish*

Geraldine M. Peiffer

Tom Rutkowski

*Thomas Rutkowski*

Mary Milakovic

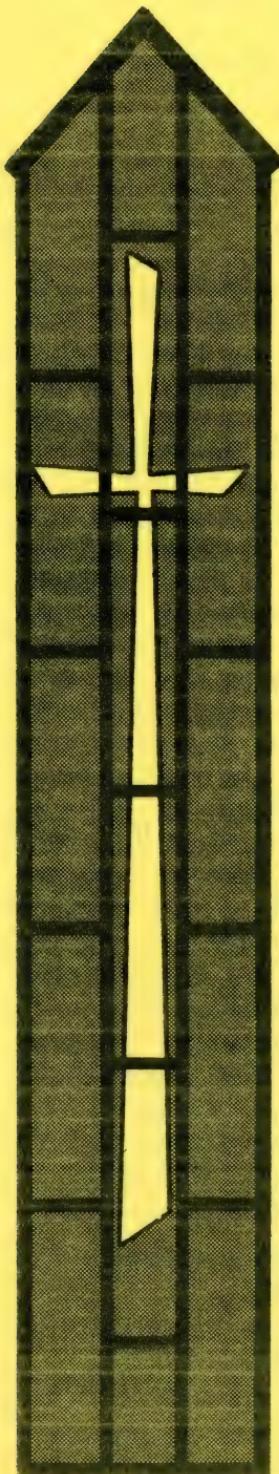
*Mary Milakovic*

✓ Anderson, Gene	paid	✓ Houldisen, Marge	<del>not</del> paid
✓ Arnold, Fern	paid	✓ Jaworski, Henry	<del>not</del> paid
✓ Arnold, Ruth	paid	Jaworski, Shirley	not paid
✓ <del>Haynes, Margaret</del> Barrick, Mrs. R.W.	paid	✓ Kindle, Bob	<del>not</del> paid
✓ Black, Harry	paid	✓ Klacik, Gen	<del>not</del> paid
✓ Black, James	paid	Kohl, Jackie	not paid
✓ Black, Warren	paid	✓ Kudla, Barb	<del>not</del> paid
✓ Bollin, Alice	paid	✓ Kutak, Carol	paid
✓ Byron, Bernadine	<del>not</del> paid	✓ Kutak, Jerome	paid
✓ Caldwell, Paul	paid	✓ Krull, John	4 <sup>1nd ipd.</sup> not paid
✓ Caldwell, Toni	paid	✓ Long, Susan	<del>not paid</del>
✓ Clarke, Roland	paid	✓ Lukowski, Ed	paid
✓ Clarke, Rosemary	paid	✓ Lukowski, Louise	paid
✓ Colby, Averill	paid	McDanel, Ted	not paid
✓ Colby, Rosemary	paid	✓ McGrath, Helen	paid
✓ DeLong, Joyce	<del>not</del> paid	✓ McNabney, Rose	paid
✓ Djenka, Donna	paid	✓ McNabney, William	paid
✓ Elkins, George	paid	✓ Messman, Fred	<del>not</del> paid
✓ Elkins, Marguerite	paid	✓ Messman, Mary Jane	<del>not</del> paid
✓ Evans, Peggy	paid	✓ Meyers, Arthur	paid
✓ Fowler, Roseanne	4 <del>not</del> paid	✓ Milakovic, Mary	paid
✓ Garrett, Fern	paid	✓ Miller, Bea	paid
Gegenheimer, Ron	not paid	✓ Miller, Jack	paid
✓ George, Dave	<del>not</del> paid	✓ Miller, Ferdinand	2 paid
✓ Hanish, Ed	paid	✓ Milne, Violet	<del>not</del> paid
✓ Hanish, Velma	paid	✓ Miriam, Mrs.	<del>not</del> paid
✓ Hartfield, Mrs. Ray	paid	✓ Montigo, Eugenia	4 <del>not</del> paid
Hartline, Bob	not paid	✓ Morgan, Virginia	<del>not</del> paid
✓ Hernandez, Ernie	paid	✓ Morgan, Mr.	<del>not</del> paid
✓ Hickman, Dorothy	<del>not</del> paid		



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# Hammond Historical Society



## 32nd Annual Dinner Meeting

First Presbyterian Church  
6021 Hohman Avenue

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
32nd ANNUAL DINNER MEETING  
May 18, 1992 6:00 p.m.

First Presbyterian Church  
6021 Hohman Avenue, Hammond

**WELCOME.....** Robert Kindle

**INVOCATION.....** Rev. Phillip Smith

\* DINNER \*

**BUSINESS MEETING AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Minutes of Previous Annual Meeting

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

Annual Financial Report

Louise Lukowski, Treasurer

President's Report

Robert Kindle, President

Nominating Committee Report

Wanda Seevers

**AWARD-SAGAMORE OF THE WABASH.....** Harry Black

**MEMORIAL SERVICE.....** Antoinette Caldwell

In Memory of:

Crawford Beaty Esther H. Paschen

Virginia Beaty Lillian Rueter

Leo Bereolos Louis H. Rueter

Clarence G. Klug Col. Charles Sommers

Milton L. Meriam Nattie Sommers

Clarence Kolb Mrs. Alfred Hayes

OFFICERS 1991-1992

President..... Robert Kindle

1st Vice President..... Wanda Seevers

2nd Vice President..... Ed Lukowski

3rd Vice President..... Gene Anderson

4th Vice President.... Antoinette Caldwell

5th Vice President..... Carol Kutak

Secretary..... Marjorie Sohl

Treasurer..... Louise Lukowski

FINANCIAL STATEMENT  
May 1, 1991 to April 30, 1992

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Balance on Hand April 30, 1991	\$4,603.47
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<b>Receipts:</b>	
Dues	\$1,288.00
Interest	99.02
Books (Past Pages)	670.36
Dr. Trusty (Books)	575.00
Annual Dinner	260.00
Donation	65.00
Publications	30.50
Total Receipts	\$2,987.88

<b>Disbursements:</b>	
Bank Service Charge	\$ 71.85
Supplies	102.89
Postage	78.66
Program	25.00
Adv. for City Directory	720.00
Indiana Historical Society	20.00
Mailing (Past Pages Book)	254.10
Thompson Printing (Past Pages)	2,533.00
Cultural Fair (Festival)	65.00
Refreshments	39.19
Taxes (Non-Profit)	20.00
Annual Dinner	265.00
Postal Rate & Permit	650.00
Dr. Trusty (Books)	230.00
VCR-Cassettes	69.00
Miscellaneous	22.60
Total Disbursements	\$5,166.29

Balance on Hand April 30, 1992	\$2,425.06
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Balance in Savings Account	\$2,744.86
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Checks Out \$388.00
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DIRECTORS

<u>Term thru May, 1992</u>	<u>Term thru May, 1993</u>	<u>Term thru May, 1994</u>	<u>Term thru May, 1995</u>
Paul Caldwell	Fern Arnold	Mark Ferrari	Calvin Bellamy
Mary Milakovic	Roland Clarke	Grace Mack	Averill Colby
Geraldine Peiffer	Edward Hanish	William McNabney	Jerome Kutak
Tom Rutkowski	Eileen Luney	Kathryn Thegze	William May
Isabel Storey	Robert Sherby		Harold Storey

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#### PAST PRESIDENTS

1959 TO 1991

1959-60	John Wilhelm*
1960-61	Warren A. Reeder, Jr.*
1961-62	Edward B. Hayward*
1962-63	Mrs. Vincent Bower*
1963-64	George Nelson
1964-65	Anton Tapper*
1965-66	Mrs. Mary Peters*
1966-67	Mrs. Harry Wilson*
1967-68	Walter Bell*
1968-69	Mrs. Henry Cleveland
1969-70	Marjorie Sohl
1970-71	Gordon Whitney
1971-72	Verlyn Mack*
1972-73	Mrs. Nina Cravens*
1973-74	Mrs. Leona Schreiber
1974-75	Kurt Marx*
1975-76	Fern Arnold
1976-77	Mrs. Evainez Jonas*
1977-78	Mrs. Verlyn Mack
1978-79	Charles McGregor*
1979-80	Jules Ebert*
1980-82	Bert Hindmarch*
1982-83	Jerome Kutak
1983-85	Roger Reeder
1985-86	Theodore Shatkowski*
1986-87	Hazel Lindstrom*
1987-89	Averill Colby
1989-91	Mrs. Wanda Seevers
1991-	Robert Kindle

\*deceased



Times photo by John J. Watkins

Harry Black sits at his writing desk in his Hammond home. Black, a member of the Hammond Historical Society, was given the Sagamore of the Wabash award Monday.

# Hammond writer honored

■ ‘... it’s a tribute to Indiana as far as I’m concerned.’

By NANCY NAU SULLIVAN  
Times Correspondent

HAMMOND — Hammond writer Harry Black sat in his rocker, at ease between a well-used typewriter and boxes of his papers and books.

He rocked, but he mostly talked about tracking down Indiana's heritage. Black has written eight guidebooks to historic Midwestern locales.

“I write what I like,” he said. And he must love Indiana — and parts of at least four neighboring states.

For his effort at recording Indi-

ana’s history, Black officially gained statewide recognition Monday when he received the Sagamore of the Wabash award.

The award, established in 1945, has its roots in the Indian name for “sage” or “wise one” and is given to Hoosiers who promote their state.

Black, 59, a Hammond native and lifelong resident, received a plaque at the annual dinner of the Hammond Historical Society, held this year at the First Presbyterian Church in Hammond.

Local businessman and writer Ernie Hernandez, who presented a plaque on behalf of Gov. Evan Bayh, said Black’s writings have

“done extensive service for Indiana by pushing the canal systems and trails and enhancing Indiana towns — because the things he writes about are in people’s interests.”

Black said, “I’m humbled by this, but it’s a tribute to Indiana as far as I’m concerned.”

Black, a former steelworker and high school teacher, took the long way around to a career of writing.

He and his buddies went to Arizona to look for gold near the Superstition Mountains, following the legend of the Lost Dutchman’s Mine. “The Dutchman was the dream of many people. But they

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# Ridge Local

The Times

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## Writer

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never found it."

Black published a book in 1975 discrediting the notion there was treasure in those Arizona hills.

But he still loved the trip out West and made it 14 times. "I got the idea about writing a book about Indiana when I was in Arizona," Black said. "We were sitting around in a prospector's cabin and the conversation drifted to the Midwest. I told my buddy I was going to write a ghost-town book on Indiana."

He didn't have a ghost town in mind. But when Black got home,

he started with historical societies, went to the libraries and then ended up on the road to talk to the local people.

He found his ghost town, Conrad, in Newton County off U.S. 41 near the Kankakee River.

"Spooky? No. But interesting," said Black, who included Conrad on page 1 of "Trails to Hoosier Heritage," his first guidebook. It was published in 1981 and is still in print.

He and his dog, Sudsy, still walk among the weeds and ruins of the railroad tracks and depot, a hotel foundation and other remnants of a culture deserted in the late 1930s. "It's like going to

another world. You always think who lived there and what did they do there," he said.

In 1984 – the same year his wife, Marilyn, died and he suffered a stroke – Black came out with "Pictorial Americana," a fascinating jog from Vandalia to Cumberland, Md., along old U.S. 40.

A year later, he published "Historic Trails and Tales of Northwest Indiana."

Black once was on the local speaking circuit, but his stroke slowed that career.

His soft-cover books, for sale at Katzy Book Shop in Lansing and Bookland in Merrillville, are full of bits of region history that

swampy Beverly Shores was a cranberry patch; the Buckleys left the potato famine in Ireland for their historic homestead in the Dunes; and that Merrillville was the meeting point of 16 Indian trails.

His research has led him to publish "Trails to Illinois Heritage" and "The Miami, Wabash, and Erie Canal Country" from Ohio through Indiana.

Black still keeps to his leisurely research and visits around the state while at work on two more projects about historical spots in Indiana. "You follow where the tale takes you. You never know what you'll find."

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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
BOARD MEETING  
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 1992

The Board of Directors of the Hammond Historical Society met on Sunday, September 20, 1992 at 1:30 p.m. in the Calumet Room of the Hammond Public Library. President Bob Kindle presided. Ten members attended.

Bob Kindle welcomed those members who were present. Wanda Seevers was called upon for a report on programs. She had scheduled Jerry Murawski to speak today on the "Era of the Roby Race Track" and for October 18th, Mr. Arthur Meyers on the "History of the Jewish Community."

Lois Sherby, treasurer, reported an August 31 balance in the operating fund of \$1894.62 and \$2824.71 in the savings account. The report was filed for audit.

The parts of the minutes of the April 26, 1992 Board meeting that concerned unfinished business were read and accepted.

Toni Caldwell, chairman of publications reported the "Pages from the Past" was included in the Indiana Historical Society's catalog of publications available. She also suggested that the committee pursue the necessary procedure to have the Indiana Historical Society republish "No Performance Today." Toni agreed to write to them for information on that possibility. Her third suggestion was that we prepare some background information of the hugh painted map in the Calumet Room and post it near the map. It was suggested Jerry Kutak might be a source of information because it came to be housed in the library from the Guarantee Reserve office while he was president there.

Ed Hanish read the attached very complete report on the activities at the Hammond Historical Society booth at the International Cultural Festival. \$120 was received in book sales and dues and about 150 people were contacted during the two days. He recommended that next year a co-chairman be appointed to handle the staffing and business end of the venture and he, Ed, would take care of the setting-up and taking down of the booth. Wanda moved, Lois seconded and carried a motion to apply for a booth at next year's festival and to follow Ed's recommendation for staffing it. The Society had been contacted to have a booth at the Harrison Park Festival and Homes Tour but it was too short of notice to arrange for staffing it. The HP Festival committee arranged to have copies of our publications at their information booth. Bill McNabney moved that Ed be commended for his good work at the festival booth. Seconded by Kathryn, carried.

Gene Anderson, publicity chairman, reported notice of today's meeting had been sent to THE TIMES. Some saw it in their edition.

Bob Kindle had received a communication suggesting that the old telephone building behind Goldblatts on Rimbach Street be moved to land near the Civic Center and be maintained as an historical museum by the Society. A motion by Toni, second by Bill McNabney, carried stated the idea was not feasible.

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Kathryn reported that Mr. Meyers had approached the Society to consider opening the Calumet Room for a couple hours by staffing it with volunteers each Sunday that the library is open and that we do not have a meeting. The feelings expressed were that we have trouble getting volunteers out to work on the heritage project even during the week and that unless the volunteers were well trained in research and familiar with the resources of the room it would not be a good service.

The next Board meeting was set for 1:15 p.m. proceeding the regular meeting on November 15. Ron Clarke agreed to write an article for the Newsletter to try to get more Board members to attend. The meeting adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

#### ATTENDANCE

Robert Kindle  
Kathryn Thegze  
Gene Anderson  
Edward L. Hanish  
Wanda Seevers  
Toni Caldwell  
Lois Sherby  
Ron Clarke  
Bill McNabney  
Marge Sohl

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 1992

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The Hammond Historical Society met for the first meeting of the 1992-1993 year on Sunday, September 20, 1992 at 2:30 p.m. in the Community Room of the Hammond Public Library. President Robert Kindle welcomed the people attending. The roster was signed by 42.

Wanda Seevers introduced the speaker for the day. He was Jerry Murawski of Chicago Heights to speak on "The Era of the Roby Race Track." Mr. Murawski is a racing buff with a large collection of pictures and memorabilia. He set up a selection of them on bulletin boards and he invited the audience to view them freely before and after the program presentation. He also had the audience sign up for a lottery drawing for a copy of "Speedway, a 50 year history." At the end of the meeting Mary Ann Ahlborn won the drawing and she said her father was a car buff.

The period of time that Mr. Murawski pictured in his remarks was the 20's and early 30's. The Roby atmosphere was brought here by the Forsythe family who were millionaires, philanthropists and investors. The track which first was a horse race track was converted to an auto race track as autos developed and it became one of the best in the area, attracting outstanding racers of that time. A series of fatal accidents and an inability to get insurance led to the gradual demise of the track. Crowds of 20,000 were attracted there at its height.

In the audience were some people with first hand connections with the track who were introduced. Gene Franko's grandfather came from Hungary and was the care taker of Roby. Mike Smulka and George Mindas were connected with the Roby Tavern.

Promoters were very important to bringing in the best sponsors and thus offering the highest rewards to winners. Jack Leech was one of the best promoters. \$500 was a good day for winning a 100 mile race. The track was a one mile dirt track. Crown Point, Portage and South Bend all had  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile tracks. The Roby track was considered the safest race track. It was 80 feet wide on the straight away and 90 feet wide on the turns. Clay was brought in from Wolf Lake to improve the surface. Many of the races were won by local race enthusiasts. 90 to 100 miles per hour were winning speeds. Keeping the tires on the rims and refueling were the biggest problems. The whole back end of the cars were hugh fuel tanks.

The meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m. Refreshments were served.

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 1992  
ATTENDANCE

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Toni Caldwell	7218 Madison Avenue, Hammond
Diamond Nickias	1542 Kenilworth Dr. Calumet City, IL
Olympia Bereolos Anton	6756 Hohman Avenue, Hammond
Anne V. Scully	1923 Clark, Apt. A, Whiting, IN
Martha Toth	1324 Summer St. Hammond, IN
A. Barrett	18001 Burnham, Lansing, IL 60438
Harry Black	7406 Monroe Ave, Hammond, IN 46324
Bill Weinand	618 Gordon Ave, Calumet City, IL 60409
David Debertis	2148 Superior Ave, Whiting, IN
M. J. Messman	7140 Baring, Hammond, IN 46324
Fred Messman	7140 Baring, Hammond, IN 46324
Velma Hanish	6422 Van Buren, Hammond, IN 46324
Edward L. Hanish	6422 Van Buren, Hammond, IN 46324
Rosemary Clarke	7519 Jackson, Hammond, IN 46324
Roland Clarke	7519 Jackson, Hammond, IN 46324
Mr. & Mrs. John Mitchell	7515 Jackson, Hammond, IN 46324
Tony and Olive Seidler	1610 Camellia Dr. Munster, IN 46321
Jerry and Mary Murawski	356 W. 202 Street, Chicago Heights 60411
Marjorie Halaburt	511 - 139th Street, Hammond
Gerry Peiffer, MD	6541 Forest Avenue, Hammond, IN 46324
John Cody	8636 Monroe Avenue, Munster, IN 46321
Helen Ehrlich	7007 Forrest Ave. Hammond, IN
Edward A. Lukowski, Jr.	252 Southmoor Rd. Hammond, IN 46324
Rosemary and Averill C. Colby	910 Ridge Rd. Munster, IN 46321
D. Djenka	1512 - 169th Street, #253, Hammond
Carter & Olive Martin	8943 Prairie, Highland, IN
Hermine Cutler	6341 Harrison Avenue, Hammond
Mary Anne & Nolan Ahlborn	6228 Harrison Avenue, Hammond
W. L. Lammering	9016 Orchard Dr. Highland, IN
Lorraine Fleming	829 State St. Hammond, IN
Bill McNabney	
Gene Anderson	
Bob Kindle	
Wanda Seevers	
Kathryn Thegze	
Marge Sohl	

Report of the Hammond Historical Society Booth at the International Cultural Festival on Saturday & Sunday, September 12th & 13th.

Books sold: Centennial Portrait one, Hammond Historical & Architectural Survey five, Pages of the Past two, and St. John one, nine in all. Six America's Hammond Bicentennial were given to new members.

Six new members signed up. Dean Boelt - 6730 Ontario Av. Hammond  
 Albert L. Fiala - 2681 Galahad Court, Dyer  
 Hope Gill - 5111 Sohl, Hammond Box 334  
 Mr & Mrs. Charles H. Schreiber - 409--165th St. Hammond  
 Geri & Bill Murakowski - 1336 Oriole Dr., Munster  
 Terry McFarland - 301½ N. Grant St., Crown Point

Three members paid dues.

71 people contacted on Saturday and 79 on Sunday.

We couldn't ask for any better weather, it was just grand on both days.

I wish to thank all volunteers that helped in the booth. Ed Lukowski who also helped to assemble and dismantle the tent. Kathryn Thegze, Ron Clarke, Wanda Seevers, Mary Milakovic, Averill Colby and Tom Rutkowski, who also helped to dismantle the tent and load everything back on the truck.

I would like to recommend that in the future we appoint a co-chairman to take care of the business part of the booth and I can take care of the setting up.

RECEIPTS ARE:

Took		SOLD		
7	Bicentennial Books	6 free to new members		1 left
5	Hammond Braves	0		5 left
5	Calumet Roots	0		5 left
1	Centennial Portrait	1	\$25.00	0 left
5	Historical & Architectural	5	\$5.00 each	0 left
5	Pages of the Past	2	10.00 each	20.00
5	Hammond Firemen	0		3 left
5	St. John	1	5.00	5 left
Dues paid by 3			15.00	
New members 6			30.00	
TOTAL CASH COLLECTED ---				\$120.00

We should have taken more of the Historical & Architectural and we also ran out of applications, so we had to take the last one on a piece of paper.

Thanks again for all the help.

*Edward L. Hanish*

Edward L. Hanish  
 Booth Chairperson

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March 18, 1992

Robert Kindle  
Hammond Historical Society  
564 State Street  
Hammond, IN 46320

Dear Mr. Kindle:

On behalf of Daniel Betustak of A Backward Glance, I am forwarding you this check for \$50.00 as a donation to the Hammond Historical Society for the purpose of establishing a fund to be used to offset any costs incurred for the removal of architectural artifacts, such as terra cotta, that the Society may wish to have saved and/or preserved from Hammond buildings of architectural or historical value.

Sincerely,

Brian L. Poland

cc: D. Betustak

O.K.  
R.K.

**MONEY RECEIPT**

No. <u>347</u>	Date <u>3/15</u>	Year <u>1992</u>
Received of <u>Brian L. Poland/a Backward Glance</u>		
<u>Fifty</u>	Dollars	
For <u>Fund for costs for removal of architectural</u>		
<u>artifacts of historical value from Hammond Bluff</u>		
\$ <u>50.00</u>	<u>Lois M. Sherby</u>	
TOPS FORM 4161		

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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18, 1992

The Hammond Historical Society met for its regular monthly meeting on Sunday, October 18, 1992 at 2:30 p.m. in the Community Room of the Hammond Public Library. President Robert Kindle welcomed those present. The roster was signed by 39. Lois Sherby's treasurer's report showed a balance of \$2853.19.

Brian Poland of the Hammond Department of Planning and Development was introduced to make a presentation for the Lake County Historic Preservation Coalition. Organized last fall, the coalition is applying for an historic sites and structures inventory to identify significant historic sites and structures in Lake County. Cost is estimated to be \$100,000. A grant for \$70,000 is being sought which would require raising of a matching figure of \$35,000. Being requested now of Lake County organizations are resolutions to support the grant application. A fund drive will be conducted later. Action on the requested resolution was postponed until the November 15th Board meeting at 1:15 before the next general meeting.

Mary Anne Ahlborn, President of the Highland Historical Society was introduced. She explained that the Highland society was hosting a bus trip to visit historic buildings in South Bend and Mishawaka on Saturday, October 24. The bus has room for 12 more. The cost is \$16 including transportation and lunch. She was accepting reservations thru today. They will visit "Copshaholm," the historic 38-room home of the Oliver family, the millionaire founder of the Oliver Plow and Tractor Company. It was built in 1895 and left to the city of South Bend to operate as a museum. Lunch will be served in the Beiger Mansion in near-by Mishawaka, the home of Mishawaka's first millionaire, the designer of fleece-lined rubber boots.

The program for the day was the presentation by Hammond Public Library Director, Arthur Meyers, who presented his results of a series of oral history interviews. Entitled "Individual Lives Speak History: The Jewish Community in Hammond," Mr. Meyers prefaced his summaries of individuals interviewed with a reference to Joshua being commanded by God to take a stone from each of the tribes and combine them to build a memorial to remember the past. In similar manner these individual lives speak history. Most of them were informal interviews conducted in the individual's living rooms, some speaking primarily of their parents or larger family and others more individual and personal. Interviewed or referred to in the summaries at the meeting were Alex Morris, Samuel Levin, Sylvia Levin Friedman, cousin of Samuel Levin, Art and Ida Friedman, Nettie Kaplan, Rose Troppe, Eva Zolla and Ernest Gerson. Details of the individual interviews will be printed in the text in a forthcoming newsletter.

The meeting adjourned at 3:55 with refreshments served.

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18, 1992  
ATTENDANCE

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Wanda Seevers - 18257 Roy Street, Lansing, IL 708-474-3485  
Jerome & Carol Kutak - 865-6065  
Thomas Rutkowski, 1257 Memorial Drive, Calumet City, IL  
Olympia Bereolos Anton - 6756 Hohman, Hammond 932-2034  
Frances Spivak - 219 Kenwood, Apt. 313, Hammond 932-0216  
Carter & Olive Martin - 1512 - 169th Street, Hammond 844-6355  
Shirley Eastwood - 6532 Arizona, Hammond 844-2616  
Kathryn Thegze - 7435 Olcott, Hammond 844-2022  
Marguerite and George Elkins - 8010 Monroe, Munster 836-5457  
Anne V. Scully - 1923 Clark, Apt A, Whiting,  
Marcia Meyers - Hammond  
Nancy Reider - Grand Rapids, MI  
Marla Tulett - Grand Rapids, MI  
Mary Milakovic - Hammond 931-9869  
Arthur Meyers - 6537 Kansas Ave, Hammond 844-6115  
Elmo Pailor - 3044 Duluth St, Highland 923-0409  
Sherwin Friduss - 8212 Hawthorne Dr, Munster  
Edward A. Lukowski, Jr. - Hammond  
Dolores Shy - 8958 White Oak, Munster  
Louise Lukowski - 252 Southmoor, Hammond  
Rosemary Clarke - 7519 Jackson, Hammond  
Roland M. Clarke - 7519 Jackson, Hammond  
G. M. Peiffer, MD - 6541 Forest Ave, Hammond  
Lois M. Sherby - 6919 Ridgeland Ave, Hammond  
Edward L. Hanish - 6422 Van Buren Ave, Hammond  
A.C. Colby - 910 Ridge Road, Munster  
Bob Kindle - 7210 Baring Parkway, Hammond  
Mary Anne & Nolan Ahlborn - 8943 Prairie, Highland  
Violet Milne - 244 Dyer Blvd, Hammond  
Marion Wheeler - 921 - 173rd St. Hammond 931-9070  
D. Djenka  
Harry Black - 7406 Monroe Ave. Hammond  
Mabelle Durand - 910 Ridge Road, Munster  
Marge Sohl - 9519 Southmoor Ave, Highland 924-7525

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THE CALUMET PRESS"

Wednesday, November 11, 1992

## Hammond's history presented

**Hammond** — The Historic Society will meet on Sunday, Nov. 15 at the Hammond Public Library, 564 State St. The meeting will be held in the Community Room at 2:30 p.m.

Brian Poland, assistant city planner, will present an interesting video production titled "Hammond...Our Home, Our Community." This video covers Hammond's origin to the present.

The public is invited and refreshments will be served.

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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
BOARD MEETING  
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 1992

The Board of Directors of the Hammond Historical Society met on Sunday, November 15, 1992 at 1:20 p.m. in the Calumet Room of the Hammond Public Library. President Bob Kindle presided. 13 members attended.

Minutes of the September 20, 1992 Board meeting were read and accepted. Treasurer's report was not given because of Lois' absence.

Wanda Seavers reported on the programs lined up for the months ahead following today's Brian Poland with the video on Hammond history; January with John Bixeman and Catholic Central High School; February with Harry Black on his book TRAILS TO HOOSIER HERITAGE; March possibly Duayne Dedelow, Jr., the new mayor of Hammond; and September, William McNabney with his book on the history of the McKinley Masonic Lodge.

Gene Anderson reported notice of today's meeting was sent to the local papers and TV stations ten days ago. Publication was not seen by anyone here.

Kathryn Thegze commented that Dr. Trusty had advised that the local Sheffield Press could make copies for us of NO PERFORMANCES TODAY but it would be more expensive than the original publication. Kathryn made a plea for articles of any length for the newsletter, written up or just the facts and we will write them up. She needs them by the first of any month. Bill McNabney agreed to write a teaser for the book he is working on covering the history of the Masonic Building.

Helen McGrath has not secured a place for the annual dinner but agreed to work on it. She inquired of the number to expect and if we had ever met at the church at 175th and Jefferson, the Riverside Park Reformed Church or 165th and Jefferson, the Christ United Methodist Church. The answer was no for both.

The request which Brian Poland brought to our meeting last month for support for the Lake County Preservation Coalition was read and discussed. A motion by Dr. Peiffer, second by Carol Kutak and carried agreed to support the Historic Sites and Structures Inventory for Lake County. We will, to the best of our abilities, inform groups and individuals in our area of the purpose and benefits of the inventory and will assist in seeking funds for the inventory.

Another letter was read informing us of the SOS project (Save Outdoor Sculpture) received from the Historic Landmarks Foundation of Indiana. Help will be needed for people to do the fieldwork of identifying and documenting the sculptures in our area.

A letter from Arthur Meyers was read requesting support of a program of "Discovery Through the Humanities", a discussion program for older adults carried to the daycare centers, residences and health care facilities in Lake County. A prospectus for a grant has been submitted. If it is approved then letters of support and pledges of funds will be needed. Ron Clarke moved that we support the project with a pledge of \$100 and a letter when needed. Second by Bill McNabney, carried.

The next Board meeting was set for February 21st, 1993 at 1:30 p.m. before the general meeting. A nominating committee will need to be appointed at that time. The meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

#### ATTENDANCE

Roland Clarke  
Bob Kindle  
Jerome & Carol Kutak  
William F. McNabney  
Mark Ferrari  
Gene Anderson  
GM Peiffer, M.D.  
Isabel Storey  
Wanda Seevers  
Kathryn Thegze  
Helen M. McGrath  
Marge Sohl

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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 1992

The November meeting of the Hammond Historical Society was called to order by the President Bob Kindle at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, November 15, 1992 in the Community Room of the Hammond Public Library. Forty five signed the attendance sheet.

Bob Kindle welcomed those in attendance and announced that in the absence of the treasurer, Lois Sherby, Kathryn Thegze will accept dues today from anyone wanting to pay them. Lois' balance shows \$2492.86 in the checking account and \$2853.19 in savings.

Wanda Seavers introduced the program for today. Brian Poland from the Hammond Planning Department introduced the 28 minute video that has recently been completed and this year is being introduced in some of the 4th grade classes in the unit on local history. The video, entitled HAMMOND...OUR HOME, OUR COMMUNITY, was a joint venture of the Hammond Planning Department and the Hammond Historic Preservation Commission. Beginning with the Indians who inhabited this area, it traces the development of the area to about 1984. After viewing the video, Brian played a game with the audience taken from the teachers' guide developed for use with the video. The game of matching street names with descriptive phrases of facts taken from the video tests the students' comprehension of the facts presented. Another trivia game was read of facts based on the video. The audience did very well on the 4th grade tests!

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 for refreshments and conversation.

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 1992  
ATTENDANCE

Brian Poland  
Jerome & Carol Kutak  
Wanda Seevers  
Olympia Bereolos Anton  
Diamond Nickias  
Lorraine Ferrari  
Rosemary Clarke  
Mark Ferrari  
Roland Clarke  
Marguerite & George Elkins  
Caryl & Frederick Juergens  
Glenn W. Schram  
Glenn N. Schram  
William Newcomb  
John Swanson  
Ruth Swanson  
Harry Black  
Sue Tobin  
Thomas Hahn  
Marjorie Hulaburt  
John  
Isabel Storey  
Louise Lukowski  
Edward A. Lukowski, Jr.  
Gertrude Volkmann  
W. E. Volkmann  
Kathleen E. Lannholm  
Helen M. McGrath  
Kevin Plutter  
Mary Anne & Nolan Ahlborn  
John E. Cody  
Helen Ehrlich  
D. Djenka  
G. M. Peiffer, M.D.  
Ted Myjenski  
Kathryn Thegze  
Gene Anderson  
Bob Kindle  
Marge Sohl  
Tony and Olive Seidler

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
SUNDAY, JANUARY 17, 1993

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The January meeting of the Hammond Historical Society was called to order at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, January 17, 1993 by the president, Bob Kindle, in the Community Room of the Hammond Public Library. Thirty nine signed the attendance sheet.

Bob Kindle reported an effort was being made to preserve the label in stone of the Hammond Electric and Gas Company on a building at the corner of Wilcox and Paxton Avenues. The building is being remodeled.

Bob also reported having attended the kick-off of the fund raiser for the Fire Fighters Memorial to be erected near the No. 1 fire station near the corner of Calumet and Conkey. \$70,000 needs to be raised and donations may be sent to Calumet Federal. A model of the proposed memorial is on display at the library for a month.

Lois Sherby has agreed to combine her late husband's duties as membership chairman with hers as treasurer. She reported a total of \$2598.25 in the checking account and a total of \$2881.95 in the savings account.

Mr. Colby announced the Hammond Achievement Award Committee will have its first meeting on Thursday, January 28 and asked members for input into the selection process if they know of anyone they feel is deserving of the honor.

A meeting of the Board of Directors was announced for 1:15 p.m. on February 21 before the next meeting.

Bob Kindle introduced the speaker for today, Mr. Jack Bixeman, who was born and raised in Hammond and in 1950 moved to Crown Point. He graduated from All Saints School in 1945 and then attended Catholic Central High School, the history of which was the subject of his comments today.

Until 1921, catholic students attended 9th grade in All Saints or St. Joseph's Schools and then went to Hammond High. In 1921 some nuns at St. Mary's School in East Chicago started a high school with 40 students. They bought a 25 acre track of land at Black Oak and Chicago Avenues and broke ground in 1922. Five portable tar-paper shanks were erected and served as an early school. A \$100,000 building was projected to house 3000 pupils but that never came to pass.

Joseph and Katherine Hess, who had six children, were early supporters and they got Father P. J. Schmid to direct it and he remained with Catholic Central thru the 20's and 30's. The church school never supported an athletic program so it struggled by getting started with volunteer help as coaches and uniforms donated by Notre Dame. The teachers were all priests and nuns.

By 1933 changes came to the administration and faculty. A three story building and gym was erected and they had about 300 students. It was plagued by financial problems when the Fort Wayne Diocese under Bishop Noll took it over and he made it his own project. Father Alfred Junk became principal in 1940 and sisters from Notre Dame came in to

teach. The first yearbook was published in 1934 and a school band was started in 1935. Scholastic achievement was emphasized and school letters were even awarded for high scholastic standings. The first paid coach was hired in 1936 and they began to win football championships in the late 30's. Basketball hopes flourished with the hiring of a basketball coach in 1941 until he was drafted in 1944. Mr. Bixeman graduated in 1945 and was very active in sports throughout his high school years. He has been a coach at the Junior High level for 30 years.

In 1946 the school whose enrollment was up to 500 added 16 classrooms. The name was changed to Bishop Noll Institute. Separate football and basketball coaches were hired in 1947 and in 1949 Carl Huffine, former coach at Hammond High, began a 15 year reign as Athletic Director while the school enrollment and athletic program expanded. In the mid-50's they had to use St. Joseph's School for some classrooms for freshmen classes.

Tragedy struck January 10, 1962 when a fire in the gym burned it to the ground as well as some of the labs, causing \$500,000 damage. All of Lake County supported the building of a \$3 million dollar modern 96 classroom modern high school with both boys' and girls' gyms and the old building was demolished. The new school was completed in 1964. A series of administrators has followed until the first lay principal, John Shields, was hired in 1987. Over the period of 72 years, over 20,000 students have been graduated from there. The enrollment is now about 800 and the tuition costs about \$1600 a year. Bishop Noll draws students from a large area of the northern half of Lake County and into Illinois while Andrean in Gary services most of the southern communities with about 1000 students.

The meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m. with refreshments and a social hour.

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
SUNDAY, JANUARY 17, 1993  
ATTENDANCE

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>PHONE</u>
Gene Anderson	829 State Street, Hammond	933-7468
G.M. Peiffer, MD	6541 Forest Avenue, Hammond	
Marguerite & George Eckman	8010 Monroe Avenue, Munster	
Dolores Shy	8958 White Oak, Munster	923-7251
William Weinand	618 Gordon Avenue, Calumet City	708-862-4534
Marion Wheeler	921 - 173rd Street, Hammond	931-9070
Thomas Rutkowski	1257 Memorial Drive, Calumet City	
Shirley Kowalisyn	221 - 173rd Place, Hammond	933-6319
Wayne Miller	1118 Summer Street, Hammond	
Jack Bixeman	942 Cypress Point Drive, Crown Point	663-3259
D. Djenka		
A.C. Colby		
Phyllis Whitton	6343 Garfield Avenue, Hammond	932-1142
Elsie Schreiber	409 - 165th Street, Hammond	932-6569
Carter & Olive Martin	1512 - 169th Street, Hammond	844-6355
Helen & Steve Pawloski		
Albert A. Crabb	820 Summer Street, Hammond	932-8268
Bill & Rose McNabney	9010 Orchard Drive, Highland	923-6656
Jerome & Carol Kutak	1415 St. Andrews, Schererville	865-6065
Velma & Ed Hanish	6422 Van Buren Avenue, Hammond	932-2293
Kathryn Thegze	7435 Olcott Avenue, Hammond	844-2022
Rosemary & Ron Clarke	7519 Jackson Avenue, Hammond	931-5964
Mary Milakovic	935 - 169th Street, Hammond	931-9869
William Newcomb	534 Detroit Street, Hammond	931-4319
Suzanne Tobin	8448 White Oak, Munster	838-8790
Fred & Mary Jane Messman	7140 Baring Avenue, Hammond	845-0945
Bob Kindle	7210 Baring Avenue, Hammond	844-2596
Lois Sherby	6919 Ridgeland Avenue, Hammond	844-6796
Eloise Lee	1121 Chicago Avenue, Hammond	931-1669
Paul P. Petroskey	1121 Chicago Avenue, Hammond	931-1669
Marjorie Sohl	9519 Southmoor Avenue, Highland	924-7525

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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
BOARD MEETING  
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 1993

The Board of Directors of the Hammond Historical Society met on Sunday, February 21, 1993 at 1:20 p.m. before the regular Society meeting at 2:30 p.m. President Bob Kindle presided. Eleven members attended.

Marge Sohl announced the Hammond Achievement Award Committee had met and selected the awardee for 1993, Judge James Richards and the date for the dinner, Tuesday, April 27, 1993. More information on price and tickets will be available later.

Wanda Seevers reported Harry Black and his slides from his book, "Trails to Hoosier Heritage" will be presented today. Mayor Duane Dedelow will be the March speaker and April speaker is not yet scheduled.

Helen McGrath, in charge of the annual dinner in May was at the meeting to get information on the desire of the Society for the annual meeting. It was suggested she try to arrange the dinner at the Riverside Park Reformed Church, 7449 Jefferson Avenue for a church convenient date around May 11.

Ed. Hanish reported we still need a co-chairman for the booth at the Cultural Festival. No volunteers were forth coming so Bob Kindle will need to name someone.

Volunteers were requested for the nominating committee. None were received so a nominating committee needs to be named.

Lois Sherby reported the balance in the checking account to be \$2393.68 and in the savings account to be \$2881.95.

Bob Kindle reported on the fund drive being conducted to raise \$70,000 for the erecting of a firemen's monument to honor the firemen who died in the line of duty being planned at the corner of Conkey and Calumet. A motion by Wanda Seevers, second by Tom Rutkowski, carried to donate \$100 to the Firemen's Monument Fund. The model of the monument is on display in the library now.

Bob Kindle read Mr. Meyers letter informing the Society that a grant from the Humanities Council has been requested for the lecture/reading by Larry Heinemann with the Historical Society as a co-sponsor. The date had to be changed from April 18 to April 4 so there is no conflict with the Society meeting.

A letter was also read requesting a letter of support for the Heritage Grant being submitted to carry on and expand the preservation work being done in the Calumet Room by volunteers. The secretary was instructed to provide such a letter by the end of February. The project to begin next fall hopes to interview and record the history of five small longtime businesses in Hammond still in operation.

Gene Anderson reported notice of all meetings is sent to all the newspapers. He was told a small notice of today's meeting was listed in THE TIMES Calendar on Friday.

The meeting adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
BOARD MEETING  
Sunday, February 21, 1993  
ATTENDANCE

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Thomas Rutkowski  
Edward Hanish  
Gene Anderson  
Helen McGrath  
Bob Kindle  
Lois Sherby  
Carol L. Kutak  
Ron Clarke  
Wanda Seevers  
Marge Sohl  
Bill McNabney

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 1993

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The February meeting of the Hammond Historical Society was called to order by the president, Bob Kindle, at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday February 21, 1993 in the Community Room of the Hammond Public Library. Twenty-five members and friends signed the attendance sheet.

Bob Kindle announced that at the Board meeting immediately preceding this meeting the Board had voted to donate \$100 to the Firemen's Memorial Fund and to co-sponsor the public lecture/reading of Larry Heinemann for the celebration of National Library Week. He is the author of books on his experiences in the Vietnam War.

Lois Sherby reported a balance in the checking account of \$2393.68 and \$2881.95 in the savings account.

Bob Kindle named the nominating committee to be Wanda Seevers, chairman, Helen McGrath, Tom Rutkowski and Bob Kindle. The speaker at the March 21 meeting will be Mayor Duane Dedelow. The annual meeting in May will be about May 11.

Wanda Seevers introduced today's speaker, Harry Black, the local author on subjects of Indiana history and the recipient at our annual meeting last year of the Governor issued Sagamore of the Wabash Award. Harry Black took us on a slide show circle tour of Indiana beginning with the Bailly Town in Northwest Indiana and circling south, east and back up north to Ft. Wayne and west to end up at the Michigan City Light House. This is pretty nearly the arrangement of his book, "Trails to Hoosier Heritage" in which he has sought out the sometimes hidden areas in the state that in some way contributed to early life in Indiana. Some have been preserved and memorialized or made useful today and some are practically buried or only stone foundations representing life in another time. His book, published in 1981, is one of his early publications, but he continues to write and publish in the area of Indiana history. The showing of his slides was accompanied with tales of his experiences as he traveled the state researching the places included in the book. Besides being an author, he is a story teller.

The meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m. with refreshments served.

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 1993  
ATTENDANCE

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<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>PHONE</u>
Thomas Rutkowski		
Kevin Clutter	7440 Magoun Avenue, Hammond	844-8163
Marcella Clutter	7440 Magoun Avenue, Hammond	844-8163
Marion Wheeler	921 - 173rd Street, Hammond	931-9070
Fred Smith	9908 Redbud, Munster	924-9434
Harry Black	9406 Monroe Avenue, Hammond	932-1798
Ron Clarke	7519 Jackson Avenue, Hammond	931-5964
Gene Anderson	829 State Street, Hammond	933-7468
Lois Sherby	6919 Ridgeland, Hammond	844-6796
D. Djenka	P.O. Box 1336, Hammond	
Ruth Swanson	7234 Alexander, Hammond	845-3498
John Swanson	7234 Alexander, Hammond	845-3498
Edward Hanish	6422 Van Buran Avenue, Hammond	932-2293
Marge Hasse	Calumet City, IL	
Helen McGrath	6638 Jackson Avenue, Hammond	932-7415
Gertrude Volkmann	6415 Forest Avenue, Hammond	932-7671
William C. Volkmann	6415 Forest Avenue, Hammond	932-7671
Judy Black	18503 Oakwood, Lansing, IL	908-895-1332
Warren Black	18503 Oakwood, Lansing, IL	908-895-1332
Mr. & Mrs. J. Cody	8636 Monroe	
Carol L. Kutak	Schererville	
Wanda Seevers	18257 Ray Street, Lansing, IL	474-3435
Marge Sohl		

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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
SUNDAY, MARCH 21, 1993

The March meeting of the Hammond Historical Society was called to order by the President, Bob Kindle, at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, March 21, 1993 in the Community Room of the Hammond Public Library.

Dates of future events were stressed by the president: the next regular meeting on April 18 preceded by a Board meeting at 1:15 p.m.; the Hammond Achievement Award dinner on Tuesday, April 27 at the Center for Visual and Performing Arts in Munster; and the annual dinner meeting of the Society on Tuesday, May 11, at the Riverside Community Reformed Church in America.

The treasury balances reported were \$2443.68 in the checking account and \$2881.95 in the savings account. Two known members in the hospital were reported: Ed Hanish and Fred Juergens.

Bob Kindle introduced the speaker for the day, Hammond Mayor Duane Dedelow to speak on his family, their business, and his plans.

Mayor Dedelow had visited Charleston, South Carolina, last summer and was greatly impressed with what they are doing to preserve early buildings important in their history. This made him consider some of Hammond's that needed preserving and he mentioned especially the old Masonic Temple and the theatre in it.

Speaking of his family, Mayor Dedelow said his great, great grandfather came here from Chicago in 1883 and settled in the Hessville area at what is now 170th and Kennedy Avenue. He was a cigar maker. His son Fred was elected as the first Councilman from the Hessville district. He has followed in the family tradition when he was elected to the Council from the Hessville district.

Mayor Dedelow's grandmother's maiden name was Van Gorp and were the founders of the Van Gorp Plumbing. Grandfather Harry ran it along with his sister Beth Hess. His sons Lloyd and Lee joined him in the business in 1930. By 1942 they went back to farming in Iowa and left the business to Bill Dedelow, Duane's grandfather. It continued as Van Gorp & Sons. Duane Dedelow, Sr., Mayor Dedelow's father, got into the business with Bill in 1957. In 1965 he bought out the Van Gorp share but operated it as Van Gorp-Dedelow until 1968 when Van Gorp was dropped from the name. By the late 60's mechanical piping was coming into use and Grandfather Bill did not subscribe to it entirely so he retired in 1975 leaving the business to Duane, Sr. They expanded the plumbing business into general contractors, but ran into financial problems in the 1980's and went out of business.

Duane, Jr. was not a plumber by trade but was a carpenter so he established his own construction company in 1981. Since he was chosen mayor, he has turned it over to his younger brothers to operate.

Mayor Dedelow has a young son, Alexander, who is a sixth generation to reside in this community which he loves. His new administration is trying to get the people of Hammond to work together in neighborhoods. He graduated from Hammond High School in 1975 after the family had moved to Schererville area from 1961 to 1971.

The question period brought out various information that his great, great grandparents came to this country from Eastern Germany in 1881. Hopes for the future of his administration are to move Ivy Tech to the area where the Goldblatt Building is now being cleaned out and hopes to construct the new court house building at Douglas and Hohman, making the old downtown area a coordinated training and legal office area from St. Margaret Hospital to State Street.

The meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m. with refreshments.

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
SUNDAY, MARCH 21, 1993  
ATTENDANCE

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<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>PHONE</u>
Robert Kindle	7210 Baring Pkwy, Hammond	844-2576
Jerry & Carol Kutak	1415 St. Andrews, Schererville	
Olympia Bereolos Anton	6756 Hohman Ave, Hammond	932-2034
Diamond Nickias	1542 Kenilworth Dr. Calumet City	862-3151
Helen Byrd	503 Spruce Street, Hammond	932-8967
Marguerite & George Elkins	8010 Monroe Ave, Munster	836-5457
Carter & Olive Martin	1512 - 169th, Hammond	844-6355
Francis Anthony Saladan	35 & 39 Mason St. Hammond	853-1715
Harold Story	2020 Sherwood Lake Dr. Schererville	865-8494
Robert Schneyer		
Kathryn Thegze	7455 Olcott Ave, Hammond	844-2022
Gene Anderson	829 State St. Hammond	933-7468
D. Djenka		
Lori Dedelow	216 Southmoor Rd, Hammond	932-9013
Duane Dedelow, Jr.	216 Southmoor Rd. Hammond	932-9013
Elean Schram	7237 Olcott Ave, Hammond	844-5077
Glenn N. Schram	7237 Olcott Ave, Hammond	844-5077
Bill & Rose McNabney	9016 Orchard Dr, Highland	923-6656
M/M Edw. A. Lukowski, Jr.	252 Southmoor Rd. Hammond	933-7665
Violet M. Milne	244 Dyer Blvd. Hammond	931-9014
Mabelle Durrand	910 Ridge Rd. Munster	836-1042
Helen Ehrlich	7003 Forest Ave, Hammond	931-1340
M/M John E. Cody	8636 Monroe Ave, Munster	836-1271
John Beckman	1627 Brown St. Hammond	473-0831
Marion Wheeler	921 - 173rd Street, Hammond	931-9070
Florence Bond	1733 - 171st St. Hammond	
Toni Caldwell	7218 Madison Ave, Hammond	932-1211
Marge Sohl		

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
BOARD MEETING  
SUNDAY, APRIL 18, 1993

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The Board of Directors of the Hammond Historical Society met on Sunday, April 18, 1993, at 1:15 p.m. in the Calumet Room of the Hammond Public Library. President Bob Kindle presided. Eleven members attended.

Minutes of the February 21st meeting were read and accepted.

Wanda Seavers reported that Dave Cole would present the program today. The May 11 dinner meeting would feature the minister at the Riverside Community Reformed Church of America where the dinner will be held. In September Dr. William McNabney will speak on the McKinley Masonic Lodge about which he is currently writing a book.

Gene Anderson reported that notice of today's meeting was carried in The Times on Friday.

The treasurer reported a balance of \$2465.97 in the checking account and \$2908.35 in the savings account. After the notice in the last Bulletin, memberships have been coming in. She recommended that the books should be audited every year.

Averill Colby encouraged attendance at the Achievement Award dinner on Tuesday, April 27, to honor Judge James Richards. Tickets are available today.

Wanda Seavers reported for the Nominating Committee that Dr. Gerry Peiffer had agreed to be nominated for President. Still needed is a Vice President in charge of programs and one in charge of publicity.

Ron Clarke suggested for Kathryn Thegze who could not attend today that the three people in the library business office who did all the set up and duplicating of the monthly newsletter be invited to attend the dinner as guests and each be presented with a \$25 gift certificate from Woodmar Shopping Center. Those three are Pam Jostes, Scott Kingery and Letty Suarez. Ron moved that this be done, Wanda seconded the motion, carried.

Because of Ed. Hanish's illness someone needs to be responsible for the booth at the International Cultural Festival. Ed. Lukowski was suggested as one who had worked with Ed Hanish on it last year. Averill Colby and Tom Rutkowski offered to help.

Toni Caldwell, who is doing the memorial service for the annual meeting, asked if she could invite a singer, Barbara Kissee, to participate in it and offer her and her husband guest tickets. Toni so moved, Wanda seconded, carried.

The meeting adjourned at 2 p.m.

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
BOARD MEETING  
SUNDAY, APRIL 18, 1993  
ATTENDANCE

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Ron Clarke  
G. M. Peiffer, M.D.  
Thomas Rutkowski  
Toni Caldwell  
Wanda Seevers  
Gene Anderson  
Bob Kindle  
Marge Sohl  
Lois Sherby  
A. C. Colby  
Bill McNabney

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
SUNDAY, APRIL 18, 1993

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The April meeting of the Hammond Historical Society was called to order at 2:30 p.m. by Bob Kindle, the president, on Sunday, April 18, 1993 in the Community Room of the Hammond Public Library. Thirty-seven signed the attendance sheet.

Minutes of the March meeting had been published in the newsletter. The treasurer reported \$2465.97 in the checking account and \$2908.35 in the savings account.

Wanda Seevers, before introducing the speaker for today made an appeal for a couple of volunteers to fill the Vice President in charge of publicity and one for programs to please speak to her today.

The speaker for today was David Cole who has done extensive work and published a book on the Prohl Family. He is connected to the Prohl family thru his father, whose mother was a Prohl. Christian Prohl fathered 11 children so there are many branches of the family around here. The family has had a reunion every year since 1931. A wide angle lens picture taken at the 60th reunion pictured 253 people. W

While the book on the Prohl family is a good family reference, Dave chose to present today a series of stories of "Family Connections! In the process of gathering materials for his book, he uncovered a lot of interesting stories reflecting the culture and life of a period and some interesting connections between family members and famous people of the time, connections thru marriages into the family or a friend or associate of someone in the family.

One story was of Olga Frank at the turn of the century who as a teenager decided to take the train from Tolleston to Chicago to seek work in Chicago as a domestic and she got work in such families as the Potter Palmer's and the Cyrus McCormick's.

Johl Prohl, one of the 11 children of Christian, who was very popular in early politics, was killed at Clinton Street and the Monon tracks. This brought on a great outcry for improved railroad safety and the beginning of gatemen at the railroad crossings.

John Kuhlman owned a tavern and restaurant north of the river near the Hohman house. In 1904 he was elected street commissioner. The sewers were being extended but the sand and dirt from the dirt streets plugged the sewers. What he did then was invent the old sewer cleaners we used to see operating in the middle of the streets. He sold it to the Knoezer family who sold them all over the country.

Dave's great grandfather, Christian Prohl, was briefly enrolled in the Civil War conflict. Now Dave's cousin, Gordon Whitney, a one time president of the Hammond Historical Society before he moved away from here, is an expert on the Civil War. He has participated in many reenactments of Civil War battles.

One part of the family tied into the fifteen families that settled in the early 1800's in Southern Indiana around Scottsburg and were in the Indian raids at Pidgeon Roost of which he read a description.

One of the eleven children had a connection to the farm family in Virginia that was the farm on which John Wilkes Booth, Lincoln's assassin was taken.

Dave closed with a plea to "Do the work, Find the stories, Pass them on."

The meeting adjourned for refreshments at 3:45 p.m.

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
 SUNDAY, APRIL 18, 1993  
 ATTENDANCE

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<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>PHONE</u>
Wanda Seevers	18257 Roy St, Lansing	708-474-3435
Jerome & Carol Kutak		865-6065
Marguerite & George Elkins	8010 Monroe Ave, Munster	836-5457
Carter & Olive Martin	1512 - 169th St, Hammond	844-6355
Glenn W. Schram	7237 Olcott Av, Hammond	844-5077
Glenn N. Schram		
Mary Jayne	P.O.Box 9001, Highland	791-9149
William Weinand	618 Gordon Ave, Calumet City, IL	822-4534
Alfred B. Ciesar	1560 Ohio Ave.	
Paul Petroskey	1121 Chicago, Hammond	931-1669
Averill & Rosemary Colby	910 Ridge Rd, Munster	836-0778
Dolores Shy	8958 White Oak Ave, Munster	932-6251
Louise Lukowski	252 Southmoor Rd, Hammond	933-7665
Edw. Lukowski	252 Southmoor Rd, Hammond	933-7665
Ron Clarke	7519 Jackson Ave, Hammond	931-5964
Rosemary Clarke	7519 Jackson Ave, Hammond	931-5964
Marion Wheeler	921 - 173rd St, Hammond	931-9070
Ruth Arnold	8806 Woodward Ave, Hammond	923-2045
Fern Arnold	8806 Woodward Ave, Hammond	923-2045
Violet Milne	244 Dyer Blvd	931-9014
Toni Caldwell	7218 Madison Ave, Hammond	932-1211
Mabelle Durand	910 Ridge Rd, Munster	836-1042
D. Djenka	Hammond	
Jim Smeros	Chicago	
G.M. Peiffer, M.D.	Hammond	
Bill & Rose McNabney	9016 Orchard Dr. Highland	923-6656
Eloise Lee & Paul Petroskey	1121 Chicago St. Hammond	932-1669
Gene Anderson	829 State St. Hammond	933-7468
Bob Kindle	7210 Baring Pkwy, Hammond	844-2596
L.E. Cren	1321 Oriole Dr, Munster	923-9560
Marge Sohl	9519 Southmoor, Highland	924-9525

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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
TUESDAY, MAY 11, 1993

The thirty-third annual dinner meeting of the Hammond Historical Society was held on Tuesday, May 11, 1993 at 6:30 p.m. at the Riverside Community Reformed Church of America, 7449 Jefferson Avenue, Hammond. Fifty-five members and friends enjoyed a dinner catered by Van Tils. Robert Kindle, President, welcomed those present. Rev. Richard Stadt offered the invocation before a buffet dinner was served.

A brief business meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. Minutes were not read since they were published in the September, 1992, Newsletter. Lois Sherby gave the highlights of the financial statement for the year included in the program. Bob Kindle summarized the year's program and thanked the officers and directors who served during the past year.

Wanda Seevers, Chairman of the nominating committee was not present so Ron Clarke presented the attached report of the committee:

President - Dr. Geraldine Peiffer  
1st V. P. - Mary Milakovic (Programs)  
2nd V. P. - Lois Sherby (Membership)  
3rd V. P. - Dr. William McNabney (Publicity)  
4th V. P. - Antoinette Caldwell (Publications)  
5th V. P. - Helen McGrath (Annual Dinner)  
Secretary - Marjorie Sohl  
Treasurer - Lois Sherby  
Directors - Term expiring May, 1997  
Fern Arnold  
Roland Clarke  
Edward Hanish  
Eileen Luney  
Wanda Seevers  
Directors - Term expiring May, 1996  
Dorothy Hickman (Replacing Mary Milakovic)  
Bob Kindle (Replacing Dr. Geraldine Peiffer)  
Director - Term expiring May, 1994  
Margery Hindmarch (Replacing William McNabney)

Nominees were introduced. There being no nominations from the floor, Ron moved that the secretary be instructed to cast an unanimous vote for the slate as presented. Averill Colby seconded the motion. Carried. Bob presented the President's gavel to Jerry Peiffer. She appealed to everyone to make an effort in the coming year to each bring in one new member.

Toni Caldwell conducted the memorial service for nine members who had died in the past year: Edward Eurley, Thomas Luney, Irene Maginot, J. Ralston Miller, Russell Petrie, Robert Sherby, Harold Wagner, Marie Wilhelm and Gladys Umbaugh. After reading a memorial poem, she introduced Barbara Kissee, who sang a group of appropriate memorial songs.

Kathryn Thegze presented gift certificates of appreciation to two guests, Pam Jostes and Letty Suarez and will deliver one later to Scott Kingery, all staff of the business office of the Hammond Public Library who are responsible for the make up and printing of the monthly newsletter.

Bob Kindle thanked the church for the use of their facility for tonight's meeting and Helen McGrath for making the arrangements with them. He then introduced Rev. Richard Stadt for his comments on the background of the church. Rev. Stadt was basking in the news of today's birth of his first grandson.

Rev. Stadt stated the larger church that the Riverside Community Reformed Church of America is a partboasts of its two most famous ministers, Norman Vincent Peale and Robert Schuller. The local church held its first worship service May 7, 1944. Only 4 years later, March 14, 1948, they broke ground for a new location for they had to move from where the Borman Expressway now is. The new church was dedicated March 13, 1949. They are a small church, averaging about 40 a Sunday. Rev. Stadt had been here only since May 15, 1992. He invited us to examine the display at the back of the room of their history and their working Boards. As outreach, they support the Pioneer Boys and Girls Clubs, conduct a Bible School in June each year, are active in the Ministerial Alliance and in the Ecumenical Service of Hope Healing.

Gerry Peiffer suggested that we use name tags next year so we can know each other better by name.

Bob Kindle read a letter of support to be sent stressing the need for and support of making certain public buildings handicapped accessible.

Barbara Kissee closed the evening at 8:30 p.m. by singing "How Great Thou Art."

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
TUESDAY, MAY 11, 1993  
ATTENDANCE

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Gene Anderson  
Fern Arnold  
Ruth Arnold  
Harry Black  
Paul Caldwell  
Toni Caldwell  
Ron Clarke  
Rosemary Clarke  
Averill Colby  
Rosemary Colby  
Donna Djenka  
George Elkins  
Marguerite Elkins  
Margery Hindmarch  
Charles Hohman  
Guest of Hohman  
Bob Kindle  
Gen Klacik  
Carol Kutak  
Jerry Kutak  
Ed Lukowski  
Louise Lukowski  
Helen McGrath  
William McNabney  
Rose McNabney  
Fred Messman  
Mary Jane Messman

Mary Milakovic  
Ferdinand Miller  
Ferdinand Miller Guest  
M. W. Morgan  
Virginia Morgan  
G. M. Peiffer  
Lois Sherby  
Marge Sohl  
Martha Steele  
Geraldine Stephan  
Robert Storey  
Kathryn Thegze  
Mr. Volkmann  
Mrs. Volkmann  
William Weinand  
Marian Wheeler  
Joan Zaun

Guests: Rev. Richard Stadt  
Barbara Kissee  
Raymond Kissee  
Pam Jostes  
Letty Saurez

Church Members:  
Paul & Nancy Jaspir  
Myrtle Vandermeer  
Pat Vandermeer  
Margaret Lewallen  
Atwood Smith  
May Smith

Slate of  
OFFICERS 1993-94

PRESIDENT

1st Vice President

2nd Vice President

3rd Vice President

4th Vice President

5th Vice President

Secretary

Treasurer

Dr. Geraldine Peiffer

Mary MILAKOVIC

Lois Sherby

Dr. William McNabney

Antoinette Caldwell

Helen McGrath

Marjorie Sohl

Lois Sherby

Directors

Term thru May 1997

Fern Arnold

Roland Clarke

Edward Hanish

~~Eileen Loney Wanda Severs + Eileen Loney~~  
Virginia Morgan

Term thru May, 1994 Marjory Hindmarch to replace William McNabney

Term thru May, 1996

Dorothy Hickman to replace Mary Milakovic

Bob Kindle to replace Dr. Geraldine Peiffer

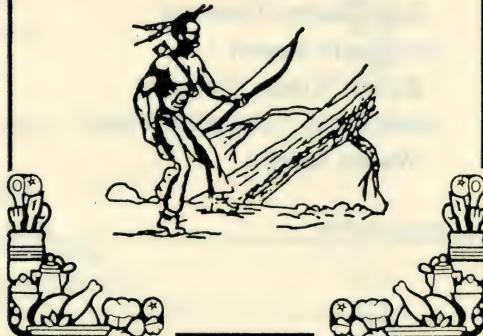
Any nomination from the floor

I note that the Secretary cast an unexecuted ballot for the pre-mentioned officers & directors

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# Hammond

## **Historical Society 33rd Annual Dinner Meeting**



**Riverside Community  
Reformed Church  
of America  
7449 Jefferson Avenue  
Hammond, IN 46324**

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
33rd ANNUAL DINNER MEETING  
May 11, 1993 6:30 p.m.

Riverside Community Reformed  
Church of America  
7449 Jefferson Avenue, Hammond

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OFFICERS 1992-1993  
President.....Robert Kindle  
1st Vice President.....Wanda Seevers  
2nd Vice President.....Robert Sherby  
3rd Vice President.....Gene Anderson  
4th Vice President....Antoinette Caldwell  
5th Vice President.....Helen McGrath  
Secretary.....Marjorie Sohl  
Treasurer.....Lois Sherby

**WELCOME**.....Robert Kindle  
**INVOCATION**.....Rev. Richard Stadt

\* DINNER \*

**BUSINESS MEETING AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Minutes of Previous Annual Meeting

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

Annual Financial Report

Lois Sherby, Treasurer

President's Report

Robert Kindle, President

Nominating Committee Report

Wanda Seevers

**MEMORIAL SERVICE**.....Antoinette Caldwell

**SINGER**.....Barbara Kissel

In Memory of:

Edward Eurley	Russell Petrie
Thomas Luney	Robert Sherby
Irene Maginot	Harold Wagner
J. Ralston Miller	Marie Wilhelm

**HISTORY OF RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY REFORMED  
CHURCH OF AMERICA**.....Rev. Richard Stadt

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT**  
May 31, 1992 to April 30, 1993

Balance on Hand 5/31/92 \$1,680.90

Receipts:

Dues	\$ 875.00
Bank Interest	72.24
Books	348.05
Dr. Trusty (Hammond)	275.00
Donations	80.00
VCR-Cassette	69.00
Postage	10.89
Total Receipts	\$1,730.18
	\$1,730.18

Disbursements:

Bank Service Charge	\$ 52.75
Postage & Bulk Mailing	387.56
Supplies	11.48
Dr. Trusty (Hammond)	198.00
Fireman's Memorial Fund	100.00
Int'l. Culture Festival Booth	15.00
State Fees	10.00
	\$ 774.79
	<u>774.70</u>

Checking Account Balance 4/30/93	\$2,636.29
Life Membership Savings Account 4/30/93	\$2,908.35

## DIRECTORS

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Term thru May, 1993 Term thru May, 1994 Term thru May, 1995 Term thru May, 1996

Fern Arnold	Mark Ferrari	Calvin Bellamy	Paul Caldwell
Roland Clark	Grace Mack	Averill Colby	Mark Milakovic
Edward Hanish	William McNabney	Jerome Kutak	Geraldine M. Peiffer, M.D.
Eileen Luney	Kathryn Thegze	William May	Tom Rutkowski
		Harold Storey	Isabel Storey

## PAST PRESIDENTS

1959 TO 1993

1959-60	John Wilhelm*
1960-61	Warren A. Reeder, Jr.*
1961-62	Edward B. Hayward*
1962-63	Mrs. Vincent Bower*
1963-64	George Nelson
1964-65	Anton Tapper*
1965-66	Mrs. Mary Peters*
1966-67	Mrs. Harry Wilson*
1967-68	Walter Bell*
1968-69	Mrs. Henry Cleveland
1969-70	Marjorie Sohl
1970-71	Gordon Whitney
1971-72	Verlyn Mack*
1972-73	Mrs. Nina Cravens*
1973-74	Mrs. Leona Schreiber
1974-75	Kurt Marx*
1975-76	Fern Arnold
1976-77	Mrs. Evainez Jonas*
1977-78	Mrs. Verlyn Mack
1978-79	Charles McGregor*
1979-80	Jules Ebert*
1980-82	Bert Hindmarch*
1982-83	Jerome Kutak
1983-85	Roger Reeder
1985-86	Theodore Shatkowski*
1986-87	Hazel Lindstrom*
1987-89	Averill Colby
1989-91	Mrs. Wanda Seavers
1991-93	Robert Kindle

\* Deceased

## BRIEF HISTORY OF HAMMOND

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Hammond, located in the northwest corner of Indiana, is one of the larger industrial cities in the state and is a vital part of the Gary-Hammond-East Chicago Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area. Forty per cent of Hammond's twenty-seven square miles is zoned for industrial use.

Hammond is the oldest of the four Lake County cities of the Calumet region. When first settled, it was known as Hohmanville, then as State Line. The first permanent settlers were Ernst and Caroline Hohman to escape a cholera of 1851, they on the north Grand Calumet Hohman crosses.



Fleeing from Chicago epidemic in July settled on a site bank of the River where Avenue now

Seventeen years industrial venture later the first in the Calumet region was established when George H. Hammond, wholesale butcher from Detroit and perfector of the first refrigerated railroad car, began operation of a meat packing business just across the river from Hohmanville. Marcus M. Towle immediately settled nearby as the manager of the slaughterhouse and cattle business. In 1875, Mr. Towle filed a plat of the original town of Hammond, with the county clerk at Crown Point. The city was incorporated in 1884 with Marcus Towle as the first mayor and postmaster. The area of the city at that time was about six square miles with a population of 5,000.

The importance of Hammond as a railway center was then becoming apparent. The Erie line had been constructed through to Chicago in 1880, the Nickel Plate followed two years later, and the Monon system came in 1883. The many railway lines crossing the city, however, proved to be a dubious asset in later years. The slaughterhouse and the meat packing and shipping operations were the mainstay of the community and remained so even after the period of diversified industries began in 1897. In 1901 a great fire virtually destroyed the G.H. Hammond meat packing plant, depriving hundreds of people of their means of livelihood. At about the same time, a prolonged strike at the Conkey printing plant also cast a pall over the city.

Although the packing plant was never rebuilt, this period of gloom was dispelled through the efforts of an Industrial Committee organized by Mayor Armanis F. Knotts and composed of William H. Gostlin, Peter W. Meyn, A. Murray Turner and other local men. This committee was responsible for much of the city's industrial development during the next twenty-five years. Among

the enterprises established or induced to move to Hammond were the Standard Steel Car Company, Straube Piano Company, Frank S. Betz Company, Champion Potato Machinery Company, Hammond Distilling Company, Roxana Refinery of the Shell Petroleum Company and other industries. Many of the new plants were small, but this era of diversification ended Hammond's dependence on one or two industries for its economic stability.

In 1893 when Hammond decided to build a water system with Lake Michigan as the source of supply, the annexation of Robertsdale became a necessity resulting in a four year litigation process. In 1911 Hammond annexed all the remaining territory of North Township and established the boundaries as they are today including Hessville on the east and south to the Little Calumet River.

Along with its industrial growth and the accompanying establishment of residential and retail trade areas, Hammond has developed vigorous educational, cultural and religious institutions.

One of the oldest school buildings in the region, originally the Joseph Hess School which opened in 1859, has been restored and dedicated as a Hammond contribution to the American Bicentennial. From such beginnings has come the present system of eighteen elementary, one middle and four high schools, most of them constructed or remodeled since World War II. Five elementary schools and Bishop Noll Institute, administered by the Gary Diocese of the Roman Catholic Church, offer general education through high school.

Purdue University Calumet Campus, established in 1946, now offers four year degree and graduate studies as well as associate degree and continuing education programs. In 1974, Calumet College of St. Joseph moved from East Chicago to the former Standard Oil Company Research Laboratories donated to the college by the American Oil Company.

The Hammond Public Library, established in 1902, provides a source of educational and cultural enrichment for area residents of all ages. In 1964 a \$1,800,000 bond issue financed the construction of a new main library and the Howard branch. E.B. Hayward branch opened in 1986 to complete the seventh neighborhood branch in the system.

Hammond has developed about 1200 acres of parks and play areas. The Board of Park and Recreation Commission coordinates the use of the outdoor swimming pools, tennis courts and other play areas located throughout the city.

Both the Hammond area YWCA, established in 1930, and the YMCA which did not really get started in Hammond until 1958, now have modern buildings with indoor olympic size swimming pools and other excellent recreational facilities.

Over seventy buildings for worship and religious education are material evidence of the religious interests of Hammond citizens as well as of their varied ethnic and geographical heritage.

Hammond's population reached a high of 111,698 in 1960. As industry has changed and population has moved south in the county, the population declined to 93,714 in the 1980 census.

## Selected Bibliography on Hammond History

### CALUMET REGION, INDIANA'S LAST FRONTIER,

by Powell A. Moore.

R 977.29 M785c.

History of the Calumet Region from 1822 - 1933, the formative years. It draws all the history of the cities of Lake County together. Lance Trusty has added a 50 page Afterword covering 1933 - 1977.

### HAMMOND, A CENTENNIAL PORTRAIT, by Lance Trusty.

R 977.29 T776h

A pictorial history of Hammond commemorating Hammond's centennial of its incorporation as a city.

### HAMMOND, INDIANA's AMERICAN BICENTENNIAL YEARBOOK,

by Hammond, Indiana Community American Bicentennial Committee.

R 977.299 H185ha

A history of Hammond and its celebration of the Bicentennial of the Revolution written by Warren Reeder before his death that year.

### HISTORY OF THE LAKE AND CALUMET REGION OF INDIANA, EMBRACING THE COUNTIES OF LAKE, PORTER AND LAPORTE, by Thomas H. Cannon, H.H. Loring and Charles J. Robb. 2 volumes.

R 977.29 C164h

An historical account of its people and its progress from the earliest times to 1927.

### REPRINT OF 1904 EDITION OF THE HAMMOND DAILY NEWS, by Hammond Historical Society.

R 977.299 H185f

Founding and growth of Hammond to 1904, with biographical information on some of the early leaders.

### STANDARD HISTORY OF LAKE COUNTY AND THE CALUMET REGION, by William F. Howat, M.D.

R 977.299 H83

Volume I - History; Volume II - Biography

Detailed history and biography of the region and leaders to 1915.

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## **Application for Membership in the Hammond Historical Society**

Founded in 1960, The Hammond Historical Society has as its purpose "to publish, and to promote and to preserve historical knowledge and to spread historical information with reference to the City of Hammond, Lake County, Indiana."

Regular meetings, annual banquet and historical tours are held. Materials are collected and preserved in the Calumet Room of the Hammond Public Library which is open to public use at regular hours.

### **Membership Application:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_

Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

**Annual dues: \$5.00 Individual, \$10.00 Institutional**

*Please make check payable to the Hammond Historical Society and mail to Hammond Public Library, 564 State Street, Hammond, Indiana 46320.*

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 1993

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The Hammond Historical Society met for its first fall meeting on Sunday, September 19, 1993 at 2:30 p.m. in the Community Room of the Hammond Public Library. Bob Kindle presided. Thirty members and friends signed the attendance sheet.

Bob reported that a group of volunteers had staffed the booth last weekend at the International Cultural Festival and this weekend at the Harrison Park Historical Homes Tour. Historical Society publications were sold and at least ten new memberships were received. Lois Sherby presented the treasurer's report showing a balance in the checking account of \$2916.48 and \$2933.27 in the Life Membership savings account.

Bob introduced the speaker for the day, our own 3rd Vice President, Dr. William McNabney, speaking on the first draft of his book in progress, The History of McKinley Lodge No. 712 F. & A. M., Hammond/Schererville, 1919-1994.

Masonry in Hammond was intertwined with Hammond's history. Marcus Towle, Hammond's first mayor, along with seven others petitioned the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Indiana for a dispensation to form the Garfield Lodge in 1883, the same year Hammond applied for incorporation. The Garfield Lodge first met on Jan. 8, 1883. The city was incorporated April 21, 1884 and the Garfield Lodge No. 569 was chartered May 24, 1884. Mayor Marcus Towle was also the first Master of Garfield Lodge.

The Garfield Lodge had four rented homes in downtown Hammond between 1883 and 1907 before they purchased land at 47 Muenich Court where the old part of the present building was built. In 1919 land to the west of that extending all the way to Anne Street was purchased and a Hugh Masonic Temple was planned. With the necessary support of the Orak Shrine, a separate organization, but housed in the same building, the modified plans of the new building were executed.

During World War I the Masonic membership had increased so rapidly that a group of the members petitioned for a new lodge to be formed. Dispensation was granted March 20, 1919 and chartered June 18, 1919 with eighty-five charter members to form the McKinley Lodge with Merritt D. Metz the first Master. When the new building was completed in 1921 McKinley Lodge had its own Lodge Room.

Craft Clubs or Degree Teams of members working in a particular industry or occupation were formed throughout the community. Many community leaders headed these clubs.

Honor came to the local club when one of its members, Clarence A. Tapper, Master of McKinley in 1975 became the Grand Master of Masons in Indiana in 1982-83.

Masonry has had a positive influence on the community thru its principles of morality, brotherly love and friendship and its benevolent and charitable activities.

Many members served in the Armed Forces during World War II and after the war membership dropped off. The 1949 membership was 1033. Every man who was ever a member is listed in the book and personal anecdotes when known are included.

For the Bicentennial of the United States in 1976 the McKinley Lodge presented Mr. McNabney's original play depicting the influence of Masonry on the early development of the United States. Over 1000 attended this last big performance given in the auditorium of the Hammond Masonic Temple.

The large auditorium and the facilities of the building were used by the community for plays, concerts, circuses, basketball and gatherings but it fell on hard times. In 1978 the Orak Shrine moved to Michigan City to be closer to the center of its membership. The increased financial responsibility caused the McKinley Lodge to seek smaller quarters and they moved to a small former church in 1984. The original Garfield Lodge closed the 1921 large edition and moved into the smaller original 1907 building. The future of the building is uncertain.

Mr. McNabney projects the publication of his completed book by January, 1994 for the 75th anniversary of the McKinley Lodge.

The meeting adjourned at 3:35 p.m. with coffee and cookies served.

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

Hammond Historical Society  
Checking Acct.  
Balance on Hand 8/31/93 2916.48

Life Membership  
Saving Acct. Balance 6/30/93  
2933.27

Lois Sherby, Treas

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 1993  
ATTENDANCE

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<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>PHONE</u>
Hildur R. Hellman	1406 Chicago Ave. Evanston IL	
Haroldine R. Hellman	1611 Chicago Ave. Evanston, IL	
Florence Gallagher	Birchwood Ave. Chicago, IL	
George & Marguerite Elkins	8010 Monroe Ave, Munster	836-5457
Rosemary & Ron Clarke	7519 Jackson Ave, Hammond	
Mary Milakovic	935 - 169th St. Hammond	
Marilynn Steinmetz	7519 Maplewood Ave, Hammond	
Rosemary & Averill Colby	910 Ridge Rd. Munster,	
Mr. & Mrs. Edw A. Lukowski, Jr.	252 Southmoor Rd. Hammond	
Bill & Rose McNabney	9016 Orchard Dr, Highland	
Mary J. Schoody	6833 Forestdale, Hammond	
Harry Black	7406 Monroe Ave, Hammond	
Maxine & Jimmie Wilson	908 - 177th Pl. Hammond	
Paul & Toni Caldwell	7218 Madison Ave. Hammond	932-1211
Donna Djenka		
Jim Sminos		
Fred Messman	7140 Baring Pkwy, Hammond	
Mary Jane Messman	7140 Baring Pkwy, Hammond	
Gene Anderson	829 State St. Hammond	933-7468
Lou Metsynge	6639 Kansas Ave. Hammond	
Jerry & Carol Kutak	Schererville	
Marjorie Sohl		

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
Sunday, October 17, 1993

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The Hammond Historical Society met on Sunday, October 17, 1993 at 2:30 p.m. in the Community Room of the Hammond Public Library. Dr. Geraldine Peiffer presided. Twenty-eight members and friends signed the roster.

The speaker for the day was Janet Moran, Republican Council-woman for Hammond. She presented the progress to date resulting from some early thoughts of a year or two ago of developing an ethnic heritage museum and cultural center. Because of the Calumet Area's diverse population and the circumstances and conditions under which people immigrated here, a need was seen to do something about preserving this heritage for future generations in a permanent and visable form.

Help to develop this idea was received from Kenneth Gladish, Director of the Indiana Humanities Council. Over the past year a group of 20 area interested community leaders have met to form the Calumet Ethnic Heritage Alliance with Janet Moran, President, Charlotte Reed, Vice President, and Art Meyers, Secretary. They are meeting monthly. They are working on writing a mission statement and a list of goals. They aim to raise seed money to be able to apply for a grant and hire a facilitator. There are 14 Historical Societies in the Calumet Region. The aim is to work in cooperation with them. While they each try to preserve their own community story, the goal of the area museum would be a broader generic or cultural approach, a network of museums to include all of Lake County. It is seen as an educational tool for the schools, a place to come to understand our diversity and celebrate our commonality and to help children see where they fit in.

Mrs. Moran cited some other cities that have developed and supported museums thru foundations and grant money as well as public subscription to be able to hire staff as well as use volunteers.

Interest in such a project was indicated by the questions and discussion from the audience which followed.

The meeting adjourned for further discussion over coffee and cookies.

Marjorie Sohl via Mary Milakovic  
Secretary

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
Sunday, October 17, 1993  
ATTENDANCE

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<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>PHONE</u>
Thomas Rutkowski	1239 Memorial Dr. Calumet City, IL	
Mary Milakovic	935 - 169th St. Hammond	
Virginia & Martin W. Morgan	6239 Moraine St. Hammond	931-1709
Mary Kristal	7925 State Line, Hammond	
Dolores Shy	8908 Whiteoak, Munster	923-7251
Betty & Clare Gehrke	1732 Davis St, Whiting	659-6316
Ann Keightley	7034 Maplewood St, Hammond	932-0854
Carter & Olive Martin	1512 - 169th St, Hammond	844-6355
Edw. A. Lukowski		933-7665
Louise Lukowski		933-7665
Harry Black	7406 Monroe Ave, Hammond	932-1798
Donna Djenka		
Jerome & Carol Kutak	1415 St. Andrews Dr. Schererville	865-6065
Jim Smeros		
Tony & Olive Seidler	1610 Camellia Dr, Munster	
Harold R. Mory	2020 Sherwood Lake Drive, Schererville	
Marjorie Halaburt	511 - 139th St, Hammond	
Eloise & Paul Letroskey	1121 Chicago St, Hammond	
Arlouise Lammering	7105 Forest Ave, Hammond	
G.M. Peiffer, MD		
Marguerite & George Elkins	8010 Monroe Ave, Munster	

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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 1993

The November meeting of the Hammond Historical Society was called to order at 2:40 p.m. by the president, Dr. Geraldine Peiffer in the Community Room of the Hammond Public Library. Thirty-nine members and friends signed the roster.

Lois Sherby, treasurer, reported a checking account balance of \$3504.24 and the Life Membership Savings Account balance of \$2957.29.

The president made an appeal for a volunteer to serve as editor of the monthly newsletter. Ron Clarke, Lois Sherby, Mary Milakovic and Marge Sohl contribute to it regularly but with Kathryn Thegze's illness, we need someone to put it all together with the letters which come in from members. Ron stressed that without this kind of help, the newsletter will have to be discontinued.

Rosalie Ruff, Head of Adult Services for the Hammond Public Library, appealed for volunteers to help staff the Calumet Room from noon to 4 p.m. on Monday and Wednesday during Kathryn Thegze's illness. The library is willing to be flexible on the hours as long as they are regular and can be advertised as the hours the room will be open. Volunteers will be trained and were asked to call her at the library number, 931-5100.

The speaker for the day, Paula Malak, was introduced. She was a representative of the South Suburban Genealogical and Historical Society which has recently completed a "reading" of the Oak Hill Cemetery in Hammond.

Ms. Malak explained that the purpose of their Society is to preserve materials in print, photo and artifact. They do original research and the cemetery readings are a part of that work. She explained that to "read" a cemetery involves writing down all the information on each stone that is particular to the person buried there. Oak Hill Cemetery in Hammond is out of the territory normally covered by their Society which is southern Cook County and northern Will County. They came across the Indiana-Illinois line to do Oak Hill Cemetery because of its size and importance to the area and because of the danger some years ago of its possible demise due to neglect and financial problems. They worked on the reading of Oak Hill for more than five years, during which time it has been rescued and is being cared for again.

Ms. Malak explained the process of reading. They first get permission from the owner, they organize the workers, and they proceed thru the cemetery, section by section with a map, paper and pencil, digging implements for use on stones that are partially or completely buried. Then the gathered information is entered in a computer, a print-out made, and the print information is checked again against the stone. All of the cemeteries they have read have been printed in soft-cover binding. However, Oak Hill will be put on microform only because of the size of it would be cost-prohibitive to print and bind hundreds of pages. All readings that they have done are available to purchase or may be used in their library.

Ms. Malak presented a series of slides to illustrate the things that they found in the cemetaries they have read.

A map showed that the 20 acre Oak Hill, founded in 1885 by Marcus Towle, was laid out in sections in the European tradition with areas by ethnic origin. Her illustrations showed some of the difficulties they found: buried stones, vandalism to stones and stones removed entirely, no family name given but only the first name, only a relationship name given as mother, father, brother, sister, and all the information listed in a foreign language.

Stones revealed various kinds of interesting information about a person like original name and Anglicized name, place of birth, list of children, "only son" of ..., club and lodge symbols, name of engraver, war markers, symbols like a train, an open book, a dove, a weeping willow.

Three methods were explained for helping to read stones that were eroded by time and weather: chalk, rubbing on paper, and the most effective, spraying with shaving cream and then removing the top leaving the low part filled with cream.

Many people have been buried there but no stone has been erected. These are not included in the reading of the cemetary but are recorded in the cemetary records in the office.

Ms. Malak pointed out that granite markers last the longest and marble deteriorates fastest in the weather. Many metal markers were found in good condition.

The meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m. for refreshments and conversation.

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary.

Checking account balance 3504.24

Life Membership  
Saving account balance 2957.29

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Lois Sherby,

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Thursday, November 18, 1993

■ HAMMOND - The Hammond Historical Society will meet at 2:30 p.m. Sunday at the Hammond Public Library, 564 State St.

Paula Malak of the South Suburban Historical Society will present a slide program on Oak Hill Cemetery. The public is invited.

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
 SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 1993  
 ATTENDANCE

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<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>PHONE</u>
Thomas Rutkowski	1259 Memorial Dr. Calumet City, IL	
Marjorie Halaburt	511 - 139th St, Hammond	
Olympia Bereolos Anton	6756 Hohman Ave, Hammond	
Diamond Nickias	1542 Kenilworth Dr, Calumet City, IL	
Nella Beckman	900 Camellia Dr, #4, Munster	
Donna Djenka		
Rosalie Ruff	143 Plum Creek Dr. Schererville	
Helen McGrath	6638 Jackson Ave, Hammond	
Deana Mitchell	7515 Jackson Ave, Hammond	
John Mitchell	7515 Jackson Ave, Hammond	
Alice Stelow	6122 Van Buren Ave, Hammond	
Barbara Tieman	7633 Hohman Ave, Munster	
Harry Black	7406 Monroe Ave, Hammond	
Toni Caldwell	7218 Madison Ave, Hammond	
Paul Caldwell	7218 Madison Ave, Hammond	
Charlotte & Clayton Adams	7023 Olcott Ave, Hammond	
Carter & Olive Martin	1512 = 169th St, #253, Hammond	
Ron & Christine Small	7234 Knickerbocker Ave. Hammond	
Bill & Rose McNabney	9016 Orchard Drive, Highland	
Edw. & Louise Lukowski	252 Southmoor Rd. Hammond	933-7665
Rosemary & Ron Clarke	7519 Jackson Ave. Hammond	931-5964
W. C. Volkmann	6415 Forest Ave, Hammond	
Gertrude Volkmann	6415 Forest Ave, Hammond	932-7671
Rosemary & Averill Colby	910 Ridge Road, Munster	
Suzanne Long	6621 Monroe Ave, Hammond	
Ruth Swanson	7234 Alexander Ave. Hammond	
Fern Arnold	8806 Woodward Ave, Highland	
Ruth Arnold	8806 Woodward Ave, Highland	
Marion Wheeler	921 - 173rd St. Hammond	
Charles Parsons		931-2993
Marge Sohl		
Paula Malak		

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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
SUNDAY, JANUARY 16, 1994

The Hammond Historical Society's January meeting was scheduled for Sunday, January 16, 1994 at 2:30 p.m. in the Community Room of the Hammond Public Library. It turned out to be a bitterly cold and snowy day but thirteen loyal members attended.

Dr. Jerry Peiffer called the meeting to order at 2:40 p.m. She announced the representatives from the Historical Society will meet with the committee from Rotary Club next Tuesday at 8:00 a.m. to begin plans for this year's Hammond Achievement Award Dinner. She encouraged any member to suggest to her or any committee member anyone who meets the criteria that they feel should be considered for the award. Names will be discussed at the Tuesday meeting.

The need for a newsletter editor or the consequential death of the letter as described in the latest newsletter was discussed. One suggestion that was made was an appeal to the Journalism Department of Purdue or Calumet College offering some practical experience for some student. If a letter does not go out before the next meeting, a postal card notice will be sent. The February meeting will be on Sunday, February 20, at 2:30 p.m. with a Board meeting preceding it at 1:30 p.m.

One member at the meeting had not been aware of long-time member Wanda Seivers' illness during the past year and suggested that those who knew her call her or send her a card to 18257 Roy Street, Lansing, IL 60438 to help her keep in touch.

Speaker for the day, James Walsko, Chief Fire Inspector for the City of Hammond was introduced. Because of the extreme cold we are experiencing, he began with a warning to all present to be very watchful and careful of furnace and other heating problems. He encouraged having furnaces checked annually by professionals and discouraged the use of portable heaters, the source of many recent fires.

Mr. Walsko stressed the interdependence of the water department and fire department of a city, with the water department supplying the life blood to the fire department in Hammond thru 200 miles of water mains. There are 1731 fire hydrants in the 27 square miles of Hammond to protect 27,000 homes and 1100 businesses. In addition, five other communities are supplied.

Fire fighting techniques have had to change because fires today burn hotter than formerly. 75% of material around us today is synthetic, making a hotter fire. Hoses used are bigger now needing more pressure and manpower is down to save expense.

Education has become the common denominator to train a new generation. First thru third graders are now being trained in many safety and fire prevention activities about which their parents did not even know. They are taught how windows work--one important means of escape and how to stay close to the floor to prevent inhaling smoke which rises. Fire fighters require more training now. They must be high school graduates and have received EMT training and fire fighting training.

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Mr. Walsko showed an historical video starting with Ben Franklin's first fire patrol, the fires of the major wars, and the major fires thru our history in cities, businesses and industries, on board ships, in theatres, circuses and entertainment places, prisons, hotels and hospitals, schools, airplanes, and forest fires. The thread which ran thru all of these fires was that people caused them to happen, and we seemed to have to have a tragedy happen before laws were passed to try to set standards that would help prevent them. After each tragedy greater restrictions were enacted but they still needed to be enforced. Teaching the kids how to prevent and survive them becomes our hope for a new generation. Fires are down. False alarms are down. Thus it seems that the children are learning and are taking what they learn home to teach their parents.

Mr. Walsko's current campaign is to get Class C fireworks sales made illegal and to enforce those laws. 5% of the eye injuries to children in Indiana occur within a 12 day period around July 4th.

The meeting adjourned at 4 p.m. with refreshments served.

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

#### ATTENDANCE

NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE
George & Marguerite Elkins	8010 Monroe Ave. Munster	836-5457
Mary Milakovic	935 - 169th St. Hammond	
Olympia Bereolos Anton	6756 Hohman Ave. Hammond	932-2034
W. C. Volkmann	6415 Forest Ave. Hammond	932-7671
Edw. A. Lukowski	252 Southmoor Rd. Hammond	933-7665
Thomas Rutkowski	1259 Memorial Drive, Calumet City	
Donna Djenka		
Jim Smenos		
G. M Peiffer, M.D.		
Ron Clarke		
James Walsko		
Marjorie Sohl		

HAMMOND - The Hammond Historical Society will meet at 2:30 p.m. Sunday in the Conference Room of the Hammond Public Library, 564 State St.

James Walsko, Hammond's chief fire inspector, will present a history of the Hammond Fire Department.

For more information, call 923-6656.

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
BOARD MEETING  
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 1994

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The Board of Directors met at 1:20 p.m. on Sunday, February 20, 1994 in the Calumet Room of the Hammond Public Library. Twelve members were present. Dr. Jerry Peiffer presided.

A question was posed concerning the criteria for selection of the awardee for the Hammond Achievement Award. It was pointed out that the criteria are spelled out each year on the tickets and the program at the dinner to be "to honor and give recognition each year to a living man or woman who was born, raised or educated in Hammond or spent a significant number of years in Hammond; who has achieved national or international fame in his or her field of endeavor; and who was not from the same field of endeavor as the immediately previous awardee." Several people are under consideration by the committee for this year's award and will be announced soon.

Dr. Peiffer asked for volunteers to serve on this year's nominating committee. Three who agreed to serve were Bob Kindle, chairman, Lois Sherby and Marge Hindmarch.

A letter was read from the National Historical Landmark Association announcing that National Preservation Week will be observed May 8-13. A request was made to local societies to consider and present the names of local buildings that should be preserved so they may be added to the National Register before they deteriorate and are torn down.

At this time Archibald McKinlay, who has volunteered to be the temporary editor of the newsletter, came in to the meeting. He was heartily thanked by the Board and congratulated for the fine job done on the February issue. His request was for members to send in letters of their comments and reminiscences so there can be some interaction in the newsletter. He also questioned if the society had a new publication in the works and encouraged the consideration of doing so.

Helen McGrath, in charge of the annual dinner announced that this year the dinner will be held at the Unity Church at 740 River Drive with Rev. Grace Free giving the history of the church. The dinner will be at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, May 17, 1994.

A letter which was forwarded to us from the Chamber of Commerce from someone doing research on the mottoes of cities inquiring if Hammond had one and what it is. No one had ever heard of one.

The meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

ATTENDANCE

Margery Hindmarch	Bob Kindle
Ron Clarke	Bill McNabney
Mary Milakovic	Lois Sherby
Helen McGrath	G.M. Peiffer, M.D.
Toni Caldwell	Tom Rutkowski
Paul Caldwell	Marjorie Sohl
Archibald McKinlay	

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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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Checking Account  
Balance 12/31/93                    3445.62

Saving Account  
Balance 12/31/93                    2980.80

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Marge,

Checking Account  
Balance 1/31/94                    3466.76

Saving Account  
Balance on Hand 1/31/94  
2980.80

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 1994

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The February meeting of the Hammond Historical Society was called to order at 2:35 p.m. by the President, Dr. Jerry Peiffer, on Sunday, February 20, 1994 in the Community Room of the Hammond Public Library. Twenty-nine members and friends signed the roster.

Archibald McKinlay was introduced to the group gathered as he was thanked for his serving as editor of the newsletter while the search could continue for someone to carry on. He asked that everyone there send in letters with their individual fragments of Hammond history for him to include in future issues of the newsletter.

Jerry Peiffer announced the nominating committee to be Bob Kindle, Lois Sherby and Marge Hindmarch and asked that anyone present who was willing to serve on the new Board of Directors to please give their name to one of these people or to her.

The president announced that National Preservation Week will be observed May 8-14 and that the Historical Landmark Foundation Foundation of Indiana is seeking the names of historical buildings that should be included on the National Register to preserve them from demolition.

The treasurer reported a current balance in the checking account of \$3,466.76 and in the savings account of \$2,980.80.

Donna Djenka reported a statewide competition in a poster contest would be held on April 30 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Indiana Historical Bureau at Indianapolis. Volunteers are needed to serve that day. Anyone available can talk to her.

The annual dinner was announced to be held on Tuesday, May 17 at 6 p.m. at the Unity Church at 740 River Drive. More details will be forthcoming when reservations will be needed.

The speaker for the day, Mr. Stanley Zatorski of the Hammond Water Works Department, was introduced. He made available to any who wanted them copies of two booklets, "The Story of Drinking Water," a graphic explanation of the source of our water, the treatment of it and the distribution and use of it. The second booklet was a compilation of the rules, regulations and rates of the Hammond Water Works Department.

Mr. Zatorski started out with some statistics to place us in a relationship with the world water supply. All of North America distributes 34 billion gallons of water daily or 183 gallons per person. 80% of the earth is covered with water. 97% of that water is salt water and not usable to drink. 2% is glacier ice and not in a usable form leaving only 1% usable. Lake Michigan is our excellant source so we here are not limited on how much we use. However we must concentrate on not poluting this source.

There are three stages of our supply. The lake is our source. From there it goes to the treatment center, the filtration plant.

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From there it goes to the distribution system, Mr. Zatorski's responsibility for Hammond. Twenty-four employees are responsible for 200 miles of water mains including 1650 fire hydrants. Thirty million gallons of water are pumped per day, sixteen million gallons of it to Hammond and fourteen million gallons are sold to eight or ten surrounding communities.

Public wells were a source of well water at one time but no public wells exist in Hammond now. An old well sight near 169th and Hohman was recreated a few years ago but was not connected up for use because they could not guarantee the purity of the water from it.

The original water mains were made of wood. Then a galvanized pipe was introduced and finally cast iron pipe which was strong but brittle. 75% of the city pipes are now cast iron. Prestressed concrete is used for the larger feeder pipes. They don't break.

Fire hydrants receive the same quality of water as our homes. The state has recommended the new standard color coding of the tops of fire hydrants to indicate to firefighters the pressure to be expected at that point. Blue is over 1000 gallons per minute, green is 750-1000 gallons per minute, yellow is under 750 gpm and red means to use hand lines only.

In the last ten years conversion to outside meters for households has been taking place and is 99% completed. This is safer for households and saves time for employees.

Two recent safety standards have been put into effect. The former lead content standard in water was not to exceed 50 parts per billion. With the realization of the dangers of lead leaks and emission this was reduced to 10 parts per billion. A zinc orthophosphate is being added to the water which coats the pipes to prevent the lead leaking into the water. The second safety improvement was in 1985 with the passage of backflow prevention laws. These required all industry to install measures to prevent contaminated water from backflowing into the supply system by adjusting pressure. Water is now tested 96 times a month to insure safety from such contaminants.

Mr. Zatorski fielded a few questions from the audience before the meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m. for refreshments and a social time.

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
 SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 1994  
 ATTENDANCE

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<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>PHONE</u>
George & Marguerite Elkins	8010 Monroe Ave, Munster	836-5457
Julius & Leoana Housty	6822 Kentucky Ave, Hammond	845-5463
Isabelle Risberg	222 Doty St, Hammond	931-2577
Rosemary Clarke	7519 Jackson Ave, Hammond	931-5964
Mary Milakovic	935-169th St, Hammond	931-9869
Stanley R. Zatorski	4836 Pine Ave, Hammond	932-2190
Stanley J. Zatorski	4428 Henry Ave, Hammond	931-6694
Bill & Rose McNabney	Highland	923-6656
Olympia Bereolas Anton	6756 Hohman Ave, Hammond	932-2034
Diamond Nickias	1542 Kenilworth Dr. C.C. IL	708-862-3151
Louise Lukowski	252 Southmoor Rd. Hammond	933-7665
Edw. A. Lukowski	252 Southmoor Rd. Hammond	933-7665
Wm. Weinand	618 Gordon Ave, C.C. IL	708-862-4530
Paul A. Caldwell	7218 Madison Ave, Hammond	932-1211
Toni Caldwell	7218 Madison Ave, Hammond	932-1211
Violet Milne	244 Dyer Blvd, Hammond	931-9014
Mabelle Durand	910 Ridge Rd, Munster	836-1042
Helen McGrath	6638 Jackson Ave, Hammond	932-7415
Robert Kindle	7210 Baring Ave, Hammond	844-2596
Jim Smenos		
Donna Djenka		
Archibald McKinlay	1440 N. Lake Shore Dr, Chicago	312-751-2453
Lois M. Sherby	6919 Ridgeland Ave, Hammond	844-6796
Roland M. Clarke	7519 Jackson Ave, Hammond	931-5964
G.M. Peiffer, M.D.		
Marge Sohl		

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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
BOARD MEETING  
SUNDAY, MARCH 20, 1994

Only five members came out for the Board meeting called for 1:30 p.m. before the regular Society meeting at 2:30 p.m.

A couple business matters were discussed that needed action soon. A follow up request was received from the Lake County Preservation Coalition for a donation to their fund for the project of compiling a list of historic homes in Lake County. It was agreed by those present that we should send them \$100. The Treasurer will be so instructed.

A letter was received from Mr. Meyers, Director of the library, stating that because the legislature failed to pass the bill that would have given the library some financial relief, more cuts would have to be made in order to be financially responsible. To that end, beginning May 1, the library could no longer provide typing and printing support for organizations as they have done. We discussed alternatives to getting our monthly newsletter published. We needed to get the newsletter out in May for annual dinner reservations. We suggested that Gerry talk to Mr. Meyers to see if we can pay them to have the May issue done because it is the last for the summer when perhaps other arrangements can be made.

Inquiry from Brian Poland, Assistant City Planner, had been made after the last Board meeting concerning the account we still hold in our name of the profits received from the sale of Clipper Ship posters made for the opening of the ship. A letter from Brian indicated that he now holds the account books and suggested the bank statements be forwarded to him. We suggested the treasurer give the bank a change of address and have the bank statements sent directly to him at 649 Conkey Street, Hammond, IN 46324.

The meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

**Attendance:**

A.C. Colby  
Mary Milakovic  
Thomas Rutkowski  
G.M. Peiffer, M.D.  
Marjorie Sohl

**MEETINGS**

**HAMMOND** - The Hammond Historical Society will meet at 2:30 p.m. Sunday in the Conference Room of the Hammond Public Library, 564 State St.

The guest speaker will be Peg Evans, who will present a program highlighting turn-of-the-century Hammond businesses still doing business today.

The public is invited.  
For more information, call 931-9869.

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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
SUNDAY, MARCH 20, 1994

The March meeting of the Hammond Historical Society convened at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, March 20, 1994 in the Community Room of the Hammond Public Library. Dr. Geraldine Peiffer presided. Thirty people signed the attendance sheet.

Dr. Peiffer informed the membership of our need to find an alternative way to get our newsletter published but that we were going to appeal to the library to do the May issue yet if we paid them to do it. She also mentioned our need to have more application forms printed which will be done at the printers.

Mrs. Nolan Ahlborn, President of the Highland Historical Society, brought to our meeting a collection of old photographs of people, some done by Bodie and some by other old Hammond photographers. She displayed them with the hope someone could identify some of the people. She left them for the Calumet Room collection.

Dr. Peiffer asked if anyone knew of anyone with a story on Hammond history to tell at one of our meetings to let Mary Milakovic know and we would try to arrange for it. Bill Tuley was suggested as one willing to talk about baseball in Hammond. He has done one of our publications on baseball.

Archibald McKinlay requested letters for publication or comments be sent to him for use in the newsletter. He also inquired if the society had ever considered a larger place to house our artifacts.

The speaker for the day, Margaret (Peg) Evans was introduced. She is head of the library technical services department and is heading the local research program being done with an Indiana Heritage Research Grant. Thru previous grants the material of the Calumet Room has been catalogued and entered in OCLC to make it all available world wide. Preservation measures have been followed to copy materials on to acid free paper and label and file in acid free folders. Approximately a thousand negatives from the TIMES have been organized. This years grant is concentrating on researching five small businesses opened in the early 1900's, survived wars and depressions and still are in business today. The five chosen are:

Mueller's Hardware  
Paxton Lumber Company  
Smith Paint and Supply, Inc.  
Indiana Botanical Gardens  
Champion Corporation.

The study of these businesses indicates they all survived because they were people working together and adapting to the changing times and needs. Mueller's started out as a hardware and tinsmith but as times required less of that technique, they got into supplying paint, especially automotive paint and are now an area center for automotive paint in all the many colors that field demands today. Champion Corporation started out manufacturing potato diggers but have developed into the fiber optics field as they now approach their centennial in 1997.

The Smith Paint and Supply was purchased from its founder/predecessor by Smiths in the 1920's and three generations have carried it on. They were paint decorators and contractors originally but have gradually changed to sell to the decorators they formerly hired and expand to art supplies and picture framing with a personal touch.

Champion Corporation has been in the same family for four generations. It started out making potato diggers and has progressed thru mechanical sewer cleaners and war machinery.

Muellers is being operated now by the fourth generation with the '20's being its most prosperous times when it was known for its long last gutters.

The Indiana Botanical Gardens was started in 1910 by Joseph Meyer primarily as a mail order business. In 1925 he purchased more land and raised most of what he shipped, he built the large building along the Calumet River where he also developed a large botanical reference library. They moved to more modern facilities in Hobart in the '80's.

The human touch has been given to this research by personal interviews of family members who with memory pictures give insights into the history of a time period. James Lane of the history department at Indiana University Northwest has helped Peg with the technique of oral interviews. They have aimed to have at least ten one-hour interviews.

Peg brought down a display of interesting artifacts from the Calumet Room collection and invited all to visit the room sometime and discover more up there.

The next meeting will be on Sunday, April 17, when Dr. Peiffer will talk about growing up in Hammond.

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
SUNDAY, MARCH 20, 1994  
ATTENDANCE

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<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
Thomas Rutkowski	Calumet City
Suzanne Tobin	Munster
Judy Black	Lansing
Warren Black	Lansing
Harry Black	Hammond
Mary Milakovic	Hammond
Rosemary Colby	Munster
Averill Colby	Munster
Lou Metzinger	Hammond
Tony Seidler	Munster
Olive Seidler	Munster
Edw. A. Lukowski	Hammond
Louise Lukowski	Hammond
Margaret Evans	Lansing
Eugenia Montijo	Hammond
Archibald McKinlay	Chicago
Olympia Bereolos Anton	Hammond
Caryl Juergens	Hammond
Fred Juergens	Hammond
David E. Cole	Munster
Gene Anderson	Hammond
Helen McGrath	Hammond
Gertrude Volkmann	Hammond
Nolan Ahlborn	Highland
Mary Anne Ahlborn	Highland
Gen Wendorf	Hammond
Leana Honsty	Hammond
Julins Honsty	Hammond
Betty Cheesebrough	Highland
Marjorie Sohl	Highland

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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
SUNDAY, APRIL 17, 1994

The Hammond Historical Society meeting was called to order by the president, Gerry Peiffer, at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, April 17, 1994 in the Community Room of the Hammond Public Library. Forty-four members and friends attended.

Gerry encouraged members to get their reservations in for the annual dinner meeting next month, May 17. They may be made today or sent in on the reservation form in the last Newsletter. The dinner is at the Unity Church, 740 River Drive, at 6:30 p.m. Cost is \$8.00.

Anyone having suggestions for speakers for the meetings beginning in the fall were asked to give them to Mary Milakovic as soon as possible.

Questions about the Hammond Achievement Award formerly held each year in April arose. The committee has met but has been unable to get it arranged for this spring. It will aim for sometime next fall. The criteria for selecting the awardee were read to help clarify who is eligible.

Archibald McKinlay announced that he has spoken with a young woman who is willing to become editor of the newsletter next fall. He introduced Mechele Burbank who was at the meeting. He was willing to work with her to get her started.

Lois Sherby reported on our financial situation. As of the end of March, 1994, we had \$3618.34 in the checking account and \$3003.95 in the savings account.

The speaker for today was our own president, Geraldine Peiffer, who summarized her life of "Growing Up in Hammond, My Hometown." The text of her comments is included elsewhere in this newsletter. As she mentioned people and places where she grew up on the north side of Hammond, flashes of recognition appeared on the faces of the audience, many of whom had also grown up there. She traced her life thru grade school and Catholic Central High School, Loyola University Medical School, five years of private practice and on to Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston and Charity in New Orleans for anesthesiologist training before she returned to a rewarding practice in her hometown.

The meeting adjourned for refreshments and conversation at 3:45 p.m.

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

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## MEETINGS

**HAMMOND** - The Hammond Historical Society will meet at 2:30 Sunday in the conference room of the Hammond Public Library, 564 State St.

President Geraldine Peiffer will speak on "Growing up in Hammond, my Hometown."

For more information about the group or this meeting, call 931-9869.

Checking Account

3/31/94

3618.34

Saving Account

3/31/94

3003.95

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
SUNDAY, APRIL 17, 1994  
ATTENDANCE

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<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>PHONE</u>
Lou Metsinger	6639 Kansas, Hammond	845-3685
Diamond Nickias	1542 Kenilworth Dr. C.C. II	708-862-3151
Alexandria Theodore	8114 Hohman Av. Munster	836-5943
Marion G. Bereolos	8118 Frederick Av. Munster	836-1569
Olympia Bereolos Anton	6756 Hohman Av. Hammond	932-2084
Caryl Juergens	437 Lewis St. Hammond	931-3233
Marguerite & George Elkins	8010 Monroe Av. Munster	836-5457
Frederick Juergens	437 Lewis St. Hammond	931-3233
Jack Bixeman	942 Cypress Pointe Dr. Crown Point	663-3259
Harry Black	7406 Monroe Av. Hammond	932-1798
Gail Kowalski	7327 California Av. Hammond	844-6374
Frances Hanes	6609 Illinois Av. Hammond	844-9290
Susan Fusner	6609 Illinois Av. Hammond	844-9290
Carter & Olive Martin	1512 - 169th St. Hammond	844-6355
Tony & Olive Seidler	1610 Camellia Dr. Munster	922-1215
Mary Milakovic	935 - 169th St. Hammond	931-9069
Steve Eckles	37 Warren St. Hammond	932-9827
Marjorie Halaburt	511 - 139th St. Hammond	
Rosemary & Arvill Colby	910 Ridge Rd. Munster	836-0773
Louise & Edw. A. Lukowski	252 Southmoor Rd. Hammond	931-7665
Mechele Burbank	6834 Arkansas Av. Hammond	844-0188
Royann Antal	6124 Garfield Av. Hammond	
Georgia Jongsma	6124 Garfield Av. Hammond	
Ethel F. Byrne	7629 Knickerbocker Pkwy, Hammond	844-2658
Hermine Cutler	7003 Arizona Av. Hammond	844-0433
M/M John E. Cody	8636 Monroe Av. Munster	836-1271
Barbara Tieman	7633 Hohman Av. Munster	836-9867
Alice Stelow	6122 Van Buren Av. Hammond	932-9343
Donna Djenka	P.O. Box 1336, Hammond	
Archibald McKinlay	1440 North Lake Shore Dr. Chicago	312-751-2453
Shirley & Bob Hawkins	11443 Valley Ct. St. Jonh	1-365-3522
Del-Dean Deavours	508 Spivak Dr. Schererville	322-3022
Frank A.J. Stodola	546 Mulberry St. Hammond	853-1731
Ted Myjewski	5622 Calumet Av. Hammond	937-1595
Lois Sherby		
Geraldine Peiffer		
Marjorie Sohl		

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
ANNUAL MEETING  
TUESDAY, MAY 17, 1994

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The thirty-fourth annual dinner meeting of the Hammond Historical Society was held on Tuesday, May 17, 1994 at 6:30 p.m. in the Unity Church, 740 River Drive, Hammond. Fifty-four members and friends enjoyed a dinner catered by Van Tils. President Dr. Geraldine Peiffer welcomed those present. Rev. Grace Free offered the invocation before the buffet dinner was enjoyed.

A brief business meeting followed the dinner. The minutes of the last annual meeting were accepted as printed previously in the newsletter. The financial statement was accepted as printed in the program. A thank you was acknowledged for our donation of \$100 to the Lake County Preservation Coalition for use in their inventory of historic places.

A deposit must be sent by May 31 if we want to have a space reserved at the International Cultural Festival, September 10 & 11. We needed someone to be responsible for the set-up and take-down and volunteers to fill out the schedule to be there the hours of 12 to 6 both days. Bob Kindle agreed to work at it. Virginia Morgan volunteered to help so the treasurer was instructed to send in the fee.

Dr. Peiffer announced that gift certificates to Woodmar of \$25 each had been secured to present to Pam Jostes and Scott Kingery of the Hammond Public Library staff for their work all year in helping to produce our newsletter. Neither was able to attend tonight so they will be delivered to them at the library.

Bob Kindle, chairman of the nominating committee, submitted the following list of nominations for the coming year:

President - Geraldine Peiffer  
1st V. P. - Mary Milakovic  
2nd V. P. - Lois Sherby  
3rd V. P. - William Tuley  
4th V. P. - Antoinette Caldwell  
5th V. P. - Helen McGrath  
Secretary - Marjorie Sohl  
Treasurer - Lois Sherby  
Directors - Term Expiring May, 1995  
Margery Hindmarch (Replacing Jerome Kutak)  
Directors - Term Expiring May, 1997  
Mabelle Durand (Replacing Roland Clarke)  
Carter Martin (Replacing Edward Hanish)  
Directors - Term Expiring May, 1998  
Harry Black  
Mark Ferrari  
Carol Kutak  
Suzanne Long  
Kathryn Thegze

There being no other nominations, the prepared slate was declared elected. Averill Colby, a past president, introduced those present as he informerly installed them.

Toni Caldwell conducted a memorial service for nine members who had died in the past year: Ruth Hope Arnold, Alyce Bereolos, Ann Cantwell, Roland Clarke, Edward Hanish, Michael J. Kolb, Jerome Kutak, Walter Sommers and Melvin Spangler. She concluded with a poem of The Garden especially for Ron and Ed and Jerry, very active members whom we lost this year.

Grace Free, minister of our host church, was introduced to give some background of the church where we were meeting. The story of Unity Church is also the story of Grace Free since she was responsible for establishing the Unity Church in this area 35 years ago.

Rev. Free was Philadelphia born and educated and worked in the East until she left her government job to attend the Unity School of Christianity in Kansas City. She was attracted to their teachings of PMA - Positive Mental Attitude. After she was ordained in the nondenominational ministry, she was sent to Gary to help in this area. The church started on a small scale and has not emphasized numbers of members but rather an interdenominational service that maintains an open-door policy to the community especially concerned with prayer work and positive attitudes.

The present facility was built on this location in 1959-60 soon after she came and an addition was built in 1976. They have 200-300 members now. Because of the interdenominational emphasis, they have many weddings, as many as 100 a year, with shared services with other ministers.

Rev. Free is very active in community organizations and speaks on a Sunday morning program on WJOB and a Wednesday evening program on TV channel 16.

Archibald McKinlay was in attendance and wished the society success with its new newsletter editor. He felt that Hammond still has much to offer. It has always been considered the nucleus of the Calumet Area, a metropolis in the orbit of the larger metropolis, Chicago.

The meeting adjourned about 8 p.m.

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
ANNUAL MEETING  
TUESDAY, MAY 17, 1994  
ATTENDANCE

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Anderson, Gene	McNabney, Rose
Anton, Olympia Bereolas	Meyers, Arthur
Arnold, Fern	Miller, Ferdinand
Black, Harry	Miller, Ferdinand's Guest
Black, Harry's Guest	Milne, Violet
Black, Judy	Morgan, Martin
Black, Warren	Morgan, Virginia
Byrd, Helen	Mroz, Virginia
Caldwell, Toni	Nicklas, Diamond
Colby, Averill	Peiffer, Geraldine
Colby, Rosemary	Polito, Fran
Djenka, Donna	Seidler, Olive
Durand, Mabelle	Seidler, Tony
Evans, Margaret	Settemeyer, Elmira
Free, Grace	Sherby, Lois
Hickman, Dorothy	Sohl, Marjorie
Hohman, Charles	Steele, Martha
Hohman, Mrs. Charles	Stephan, Geraldine
Kindle, Bob	Thegze, Kathryn
Klacek, Gen	Theodore, Alexandria
Kudelka, Helen	Tuley, Bill
Long, Suzanne	Tuley, Helen
lukowski, Edward	Volkmann, Cy
Lukowski, Louise	Volkmann, Gertrude
McGrath, Helen	Weinand, William
McKinlay, Archibald	Wheeler, Marian
McNabney, Bill	Woodward, Cora Lee

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
1994-95

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Officers and Board Members to be installed May 17, 1994

President - Geraldine Peiffer,  
1st V.P. - Mary Milakovic  
2nd V.P. - Lois Sherby  
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Secretary - Marjorie Sohl  
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Margery Hindmarch

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Mabelle Durand

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Harry Black

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## DIRECTORS

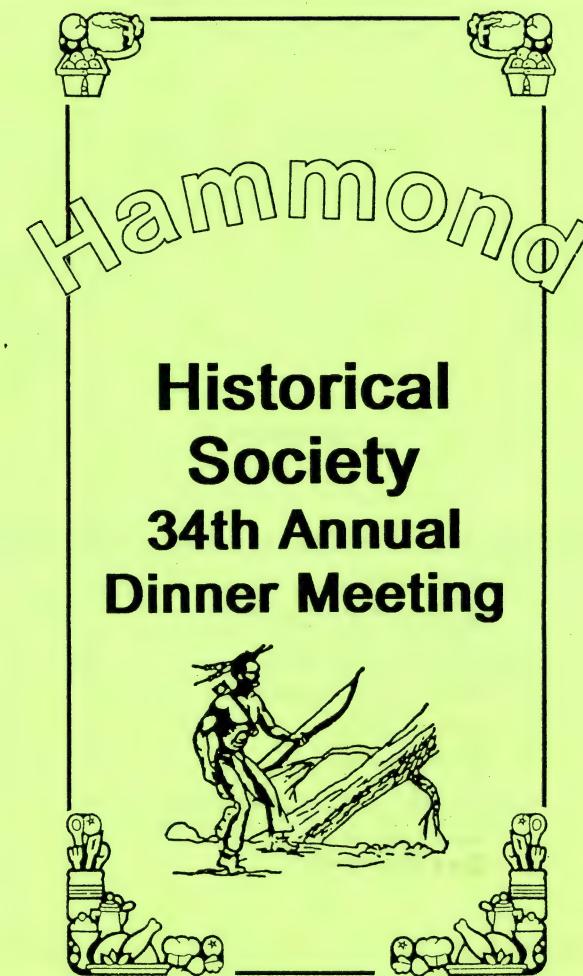
<u>Term thru May 1994</u>	<u>Term thru May 1995</u>	<u>Term thru May 1996</u>	<u>Term thru May 1997</u>
Mark Ferrari	Calvin Bellamy	Paul Caldwell	Fern Arnold
Carol Kutak	Averill Colby	Dorothy Hickman	Eileen Luney
Grace Mack	William May	Robert Kindle	Virginia Morgan
Margery Hindmarch	Harold Storey	Tom Rutkowski	
Kathryn Thegze		Isabel Storey	

### PAST PRESIDENTS

1959 to 1994

1959-60	John Wilhelm*
1960-61	Warren A. Reeder, Jr.*
1961-62	Edward B. Hayward*
1962-63	Mrs. Vincent Bower*
1963-64	George Nelson
1964-65	Anton Tapper*
1965-66	Mrs. Mary Peters*
1966-67	Mrs. Harry Wilson*
1967-68	Walter Bell*
1968-69	Mrs. Henry Cleveland
1969-70	Marjorie Sohl
1970-71	Gordon Whitney
1971-72	Verlyn Mack*
1972-73	Mrs. Nina Cravens*
1973-74	Mrs. Leona Schreiber
1974-75	Kurt Marx*
1975-76	Fern Arnold
1976-77	Mrs. Evainez Jonas*
1977-78	Mrs. Verlyn Mack
1978-79	Charles McGregor*
1979-80	Jules Ebert*
1980-82	Bert Hindmarch*
1982-83	Jerome Kutak*
1983-85	Roger Reeder
1985-86	Theodore Shatkowski*
1986-87	Hazel Lindstrom*
1987-89	Averill Colby
1989-91	Mrs. Wanda Seavers
1991-93	Robert Kindle
1993-94	Dr. Geraldine Peiffer

\* Deceased



**Unity Church  
740 River Drive  
Hammond, IN 46324**

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
34th ANNUAL DINNER MEETING  
May 17, 1994 6:30 p.m.

Unity Church  
740 River Drive, Hammond

**WELCOME** ..... Dr. Geraldine Peiffer  
**INVOCATION** ..... Rev. Grace Free

\* DINNER \*

**BUSINESS MEETING AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Minutes of Previous Annual Meeting  
Marjorie Sohl, Secretary  
Annual Financial Report  
Lois Sherby, Treasurer  
President's Report  
Dr. Peiffer, President  
Nominating Committee Report  
Wanda Seavers  
Bob Kindle

**MEMORIAL SERVICE** ..... Antoinette Caldwell

In Memory of:

Ruth Hope Arnold	Michael J. Kolb
Alyce Bereolos	Jerome Kutak
Ann Cantwell	Walter Sommers
Roland Clarke	Melvin Spangler
Edward Hanish	

**HISTORY OF UNITY CHURCH** ..... Rev. Grace Free

**OFFICERS 1993-1994**

President	Geraldine Peiffer
1st Vice President	Mary Milakovic
2nd Vice President	Lois Sherby
3rd Vice President	William McNabney
4th Vice President	Antoinette Caldwell
5th Vice President	Helen McGrath
Secretary	Marjorie Sohl
Treasurer	Lois Sherby

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

May 31, 1993 to April 30, 1994

Balance on Hand, May 1, 1993	\$2,636.29
<b>Receipts</b>	
Interest	\$ 78.26
Membership Dues	1,095.00
Books	303.50
Centennial Portrait-Dr. Trusty	500.00
Donations	13.50
Annual Dinner - May 1993	408.00
Memorial Gift	10.00
Festival Booth-Check #1169 voided	<u>20.00</u>
Total Receipts	\$2,428.26
<b>Disbursements</b>	
Service Charge	66.35
Contributions	150.00
Postage	160.28
Newsletter	451.00
Supplies	30.65
Advertisement	25.00
Dr. Trusty-Centennial Portrait	360.00
Annual Dinner - May 1993	469.43
Refreshments	25.00
State Fees	<u>10.00</u>
Total Disbursements	\$1,747.71
Balance on Hand, April 21, 1994	\$3,316.84

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**HAMMOND** – Thursday is the deadline to make reservations for the Hammond Historical Society's 34th annual dinner meeting.

The event begins at 6:30 p.m. May 17 at Unity Church, 740 River Drive. **The Rev. Grace Free** will talk about the church's history.

The cost is \$8 per person. Call Marjorie Sohl at 924-7525 to make reservations. Checks should be made out to the society and mailed to Sohl at 9519 Southmoor, Apt. 7, Highland, IN 46322.

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## Hammond Unity Church's Rev. Free speaks at historical society meeting

BY NANCY NAU SULLIVAN  
Times Staff Writer

The Rev. Grace Free of Unity Church in Hammond maintains an open-door policy to the community.

So it was no surprise that her church was host to the annual meeting of the Hammond Historical Society this week.

For more than 30 years, the society has held its annual meetings in different area churches, and during each gathering, the host pastor is invited to give a history of the church. Those histories have been recorded by hand and on tape and are available to the public in the Calumet Room of Hammond's Main Library.

"There is a lot diversity and history of the whole area here in our churches," said Helen McGrath of Hammond, a society vice president who helped elect the Rev. Free's church for the evening.

"She (Rev. Free) is very gracious to let us meet here," McGrath said. "And she's one of those who is all over the community."

Some 60 members of the society heard Rev. Free talk about Unity Church, which she founded 35 years ago at 740 River Dr.

"This is where my school (Unity School of Christianity of Kansas City) wanted me to come to help," said Rev. Free, who was ordained at the nondenominational seminary.

And help is what she has offered to the church of some 200 members and to the community. She has worked on fund-raising efforts for cerebral palsy, The Community Hospital Auxiliary and the American Cancer Society, and also has been active in civic



TIMES FILE PHOTO

The Rev. Grace Free of Unity Church in Hammond has encouraged an open-door policy with the community. Her church played host to the annual Hammond Historical Society meeting at which she spoke about her church's history.

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*I have a sense of humor, but I'm serious about my prayer.*

"

— The Rev. Grace Free

organizations as a religious leader.

The founding of a church was not an impossible job. "I have a sense of humor, but I'm serious about my prayer," she said. "And I came from a wonderful family. They're all in heaven now, but we lived in many places, had many experiences."

Her father, Joseph, was in show business and an inspiration. "He was a scream," she said. "(The family) sent me out to see what I could do. We have an open kind of church here.

Nondenominational. No denomination really. I help out when I can."

Rev. Free writes her own prayers — "I'm a great believer in prayer" — and she speaks on a 9 a.m. Sunday program on WJOB radio and appears on cable TV Channel 16 at 5:30 p.m. Wednesdays.

In 1975 and 1978, she prayed at the opening of sessions of the House of Representatives in Washington, D.C.

According to the Congressional Record, she prayed: "Infinite God, source of all life and love, help us to think our way to victory over problems. ... And let us by faith be an example."

Rev. Free holds services at the church at 11 a.m., Sunday. The church also has a Sunday school for children operated by Dorothy B. Long Wee Wisdom Preschool. The church also sponsors the Dances of Universal Peace at 7 p.m. the second Monday of each month.

For more information call (219) 931-5284.

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The September meeting of the Hammond Historical Society was called to order by Dr. Geraldine Peiffer, president, in the Community Room at Hammond Main Library. There were 45 members and friends in attendance.

Treasurer Lois Sherby reported a balance in the treasury to date of \$3,486.32 and in savings account \$3,128.25.

As membership chairman Lois reported that several newsletters are being returned by the post office at a charge to us with no forwarding addresses. She asked help in locating these members and urged those moving to give her a forwarding address. She was busy at the door before the meeting making receipts for dues and entering three new members.

Gerry Peiffer reported that a check for \$100 had been received by the society from anonymous donors in memory of Winifred Tuley Demos who died September 4. It was requested that the money be used to further the purpose of the society and encourage others to also contribute.

William Tuley, 3rd VP and publicity chairman, was introduced as the speaker for the next meeting of the society to be held October 16.

Harry G. Black, Indiana author and one of our directors, announced his latest book was now available entitled "Historic Hoosier Dining, Lodging & Hospitality" at \$7.95 and he would autograph copies after the meeting.

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Suzanne Long, one of our new directors, was introduced and she advised that she was the employee of the Main Library assigned to the Calumet Room and she would have the Room open from 2 to 6 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays.

The president introduced the speaker for the afternoon - David Solan, who in turn introduced members of his family who were present, but stated that his emphasis today would be on Pete Senior, his grandfather, who in 1930 at the worst of times decided to start a new business growing plants and selling them to friends and neighbors to keep his family busy and to keep food on the table.

Pete was born in 1901, the eldest of 9 children. He lied about his age and joined the army, was sent to France where he was shot by a sniper and carried shrapnel until the day he died; he received the Purple Heart award.

David continued to describe the spread of the greenhouses into a large plant and flower resale and floral arrangement operation which became famous in the area and in the florist industry.

He emphasized the strength and determination of his grandfather to work even after illness and strokes, his desire to help neighbors and friends and his happy joking attitude that made friends of customers of all ages.

Comments from those present confirmed these attributes of Pete Solan, Sr.

Examples of the Solan continuing goodwill were the floral arrangement on the refreshment table and the

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long-stemmed red rose with fern given to those attending the meeting.

We hope to continue the story of Peter's Greenhouse in a future article.

Antoinette Caldwell  
Secretary pro tem

Note: David spoke **extemporaneously**. It was a delight to hear him; however, we hope that he will send us a paper for our records and for a future article as our tape recorder was not available. AC

#### Treasurer's Report

##### Checking Account

Balance on Hand 8/31/94 3486.52

##### Saving Account

Balance on Hand 6/30/94 3128.15

#### The Calumet Press"

Wednesday, September 14, 1994

#### Hammond Historical Society

Hammond — The Hammond Historical Society will hold its first meeting of the fall season on Sunday, Sept. 18 at 2:30 p.m. in the Community Room of the Hammond Library, 564 State St.

Guest speaker will be David Solan of Solan's Greenhouse. Friends and guests are welcome to attend.

Friday, September 16, 1994

#### Historical society to meet

HAMMOND — The Hammond Historical Society will meet at 2:30 p.m. Sunday in the Community Room of the Hammond Public Library, 564 State St. David Solan of Solan's Greenhouse will speak. Guests are welcome.

# Hammond Historical Society Sept 18, 1994

	NAME	ADDRESS
1	Florina Cross Gallagher	1321 Birchwood Ave 60826
2	Haroldine Hellman	1611 Chicago ave Evanston <sup>(312)</sup> 570-7849
3	Suzanne Long	
4	Virginia Morgan	
5	Martin W. Morgan	
6	Thomas Rutherford	
7	Carroll Martin	1518-169 <sup>th</sup> Hammond
8	Olive Martin	" "
9	Suzanne Tabin	8448 White Oak Munster
10	Marjorie Salabert	511-139 <sup>th</sup> Hammond
11	Elveta Seddalmeyer	617-173 <sup>rd</sup> St. Hammond
12	Wm. T. Tukey	7201 Cheever Ave (R.R. MERRILLVILLE)
13	Harry & Black	
14	Joseph Solar	P.O.B 3116 Munster, IN 46321
15	Thel F. Byrne	7629 Knickerbocker Hwy - Hammond
16	Marguerite L. Elkins	8010 Monroe Ave., Munster
17	Coupleverous	1829-169 <sup>th</sup> Hammond.
18	Frieda Fugger	1829-169 <sup>th</sup> "
19	Alexandria Theodore	8114 Hohman Munster
20	Olympia Berolos Anton	6756 Hohman Hammond
21	Epte Solar	1130 Spruce St.
22	Lucille Solar	
23	DAVID SOLAR	1130 SPRUCE ST
24	W.T. Volkman	6415 FOREST AVE Hammond IN
25	Gertude Volkman	6415 Forest Ave Hammond IN.
26	Loris M. Sherley	6919 Ridgeland Ave Hazel
27	J.W. Beifley M.D.	

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28-26 Donna Djenka  
29-27 Jsa Smenos  
30-28 Carol L. Kutah  
31-29 Paul & Toni Caldwell  
32-30 Del-Dean Deavours &  
33 Helen M. McGrath  
34 Lowell Lekowicz  
35 Eow. A. Lekowicz Jr.  
36 Shirley Parsons  
37 Ruth Swanson  
38 John Swanson  
39 Mary Milakovic  
40 Del-Dean Deavours  
41-42 Anne & John Beckman  
43 Marlene Rotolo  
44-45 Avril & Rosemary Colby  
46 Toni Caldwell  
- 1 (32 + 40 names)  
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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
BOARD MEETING  
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16, 1994

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The Board of Directors of the Hammond Historical Society met at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, October 16, 1994 in the Calumet Room of the Hammond Public Library. Dr. Geraldine Peiffer presided. Eleven members attended.

Memorial checks have been received of \$100 from Florence Gallagher and \$250 from Mary Lou Breyfogle in honor of Winifred Tuley Demas, twin sister of Vice President Bill Tuley. Checks were placed in the general fund.

Discussion was held on the lack of volunteer participation in our attempt to have a table at the International Cultural Festival in September. Most attending felt there was more opportunity to reach people with an interest in Hammond history by participating in the Harrison Park Preservation Association Home Tour and Festival in Harrison Park usually the weekend following the International Cultural Festival. A motion was made, seconded and carried to request a refund of our deposit on space at the Cultural Festival and not participate in it next year. The secretary was instructed to contact the Harrison Park Preservation Association for information on membership for possible participation next year in the Harrison Park Festival.

Thurman Ferree who hosts a radio show on WJOB from 4:30 to 5 p.m. Monday thru Thursday, has asked to have two Hammond Historical Society members on his program on Thursday, November 10 to talk about the Society. Bill McNabney and Bob Kindle have agreed to go on the program.

Carter Miller suggested the Society use some of its funds to offer prizes and conduct an essay contest on Hammond history sometime near the time that it is studied in their history and government classes in the Hammond schools. He was appointed to check with the schools to see if and when this would be welcomed. Toni Caldwell offered to check on the essay contest that is conducted by the DAR. Both will report back at a future meeting. This would be an attempt to publicize the Hammond Historical Society as well as encourage interest in Hammond history.

Toni Caldwell suggested the Society purchase a tape recorder to keep in the Calumet Room so it would be available for use at all meetings. Last month when the secretary could not attend with her recorder, the speaker did not get taped. The secretary was commissioned to do so.

The meeting adjourned at 2:15 p..

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
BOARD MEETING  
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16, 1994  
ATTENDANCE

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Thomas Rutkoski  
Carter Martin  
Toni Caldwell  
Paul Caldwell  
Mary Milakovic  
Suzanne Long  
G.M. Peiffer, MD  
Lois Sherby  
Marge Sohl  
Bob Kindle, late

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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16, 1994

The Hammond Historical Society held its regular meeting on Sunday, October 16, 1994, in the Community Room of the Hammond Public Library. Dr. Geraldine Peiffer presided. Thirty-five signed the attendance sheet.

The treasurer reported a September 30 balance in the checking account of \$3736.15 and \$3152.80 in the savings account.

The president summarized the results of the Board meeting which had preceeded this meeting. She announced we had decided to put our energy into participating in the Harrison Park Festival next year and not participate in the International Cultural Festival.

She also announced that WJOB will air an interview with two of our members, Bill McNabney and Bob Kindle, on Thursday, November 10, 4:30 to 5 p.m. Try to listen.

She also reminded members that we need to supply our new Flashback editor, ~~McChelze~~ Burbank, with more of our reminescenses.

The speaker for the day, Bill Tuley was introduced. He spoke to us 13 years ago when he was living in St. John and working on that history. Today he has finished his fourth book--a history of his family that as recently as nine years ago he knew nothing about them. Over these nine years he has traced his origins to a Mr. Tuley who was buried in Williamsburg, Virginia in 1653, probably the first in this country, and to his great, great grandparents buried in Clinton Township, LaPorte County, James 1769-1837 and Martha 1781-1851. James purchased 160 acres in LaPorte County in 1835. He and Martha had four daughters and six sons, two of whom were blacksmiths and four were farmers. The farm was held in the family until 1901. James, the son of James left LaPorte and came to Lake County. Bill's father came to Hammond in 1902. He had four children. He started to work at the W.B. Conkey company on the first day it opened and there was a Tuley working there constantly until Bill left there in 1954.

Bill encouraged everyone to work on tracing his family records and gave some helpful hints on how and where to start.

The meeting adjourned at 3:40 with light refreshments during conversations.

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

Checking Account

Balance on Hand 9/30/94 3736.15

Saving Account

Balance on Hand 9/30/94 3152.80

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
 SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16, 1994  
 ATTENDANCE

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<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>PHONE</u>
Bob Kindle	7210 Barine Parkway, Hammond	844-2596
Clifford L. Barrett	7610 Missouri Ave, Hammond	844-0841
Suzanne Long	6621 Monroe Ave, Hammond	931-1013
Mary Milakovic	935 - 169th St. Hammond	931-9869
Virginia Mroz	4327 Johnson Ave, Hammond	931-2797
Carter Martin	1512 - 169th St. Hammond	844-6355
Marjorie Halaburt	511 - 139th St. Hammond	
Haraldine Hellman	1611 Chicago Ave, Evanston	570-7849
Hildur Hellman	1611 Chicago Ave, Evanston	570-7849
Janet Granger	147 Oak St. Lowell	696-7252
Florence C. Gallagher	1321 Birchwood Ave, Chicago	274-9624
Marian G. Bereolos	8118 Hohman Ave. Munster	836-1569
Alexandrea Theodore	8114 Hohman Ave, Munster	836-5943
Olympia Bereolos Anton	6756 Hohman Ave, Hammond	932-2034
Daisy Nichter	9556 Hampton Dr, #2, Highland	922-6119
Havel Paterson	9556 Hampton Dr, #2, Highland	922-6119
Ted Forejewski	5618 Calumet Ave, Hammond	937-1575
G. M. Peiffer, MD	6541 Forest Ave, Hammond	
Fern Arnold	8806 Woodward Ave, Highland	
Archibald McKinlay	1440 N. Lake Shore Dr. Chicago	751-2453
Pat McKinlay	1440 N. Lake Shore Dr. Chicago	751-2453
Paul & Toni Caldwell	7218 Madison Ave, Hammond	932-1211
Caryl Juergans	1829 - 169th St. Hammond	845-9490
Elaine Olson Munster Hist. Soc.	1517 Elliott Dr. Munster	838-5382
Helen Tuley	7201 Cleveland Circle, Merrellville	756-7201
Fredrich Juergans	1829 - 169th St. Hammond	845-9490
George & Marguerite Elkins	8010 Monroe Ave, Munster	836-5457
M. D. O'Hern	22 Beverly Pl. Munster	836-8393
Evelyn O'Hern	252 Southmoor Rd, Hammond	933-7665
Louise Lukowski	6919 Ridgeland Ave, Hammond	844-6796
Edw. A. Lukowski		
Lois Sherby		
Marge Sohl		

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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 1994

The November meeting of the Hammond Historical Society was called to order by the president, Dr. Geraldine Peiffer, at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, November 20, 1994, in the Community Room of the Hammond Public Library. Thirty-one members and friends signed the roster.

Dr. Peiffer announced that there would not be a meeting in December as announced by mistake in the November Flashback. The next meeting will be on January 15, 1995 at 2:30. It will be preceded by a Board meeting at 1:30 p.m. in the Calumet Room.

Because it needed action right away and no board meeting was scheduled for this month, Dr. Peiffer summarized the letter from the Hammond Chamber of Commerce requesting us to participate in the Salon de Refuse at the Masonic Temple during December. It is an effort to save the historic building by scheduling events during this month, see the art show and tour the building. The general feeling expressed by those present was that this was the wrong time of the year, too short of notice, and suggested considering it as a possible place for our annual dinner in the spring.

The treasurer reported a checking balance of \$4124.83 and savings account of \$3152.80.

The speaker for the day was introduced, Brian Poland, the Assistant City Planner and who serves as the staff member to the Hammond Historic Preservation Commission. He explained that the Hammond Historic Preservation Commission was created in 1982 to preserve, protect and enhance buildings and places or areas within the City of Hammond that possess particular historical, cultural, or architectural significance. To do this, historic districts or historic landmarks are identified and designated.

The Commission is a government agency but has no money to operate. It is a nine member board appointed by the mayor, confirmed by the Council, for three year terms, whose members receive no compensation. The Commission is required to have one member who is an architect or contractor, one representative from each historic district or landmark, one historian, and one member of the real estate, banking or development community.

Two local historic districts have been established, Glendale Park in 1984 and Harrison Park in 1986. The Pullman district is under consideration but has not been established yet. Two historic landmarks are the Marcus M. Towle house on Ogden Street in 1984 and the Northern States Insurance Company Building in 1985, now the home of the Montessori School movement. Currently being researched is the Betz home, now the LaHayne Funeral Home.

Mr. Poland gave each person attending a group of folders which he considered separately and pointed out highlights of each.

1. Hammond Historic Preservation Commission summarizes the Purpose and activities of the Commission.
2. Historic Preservation - Certificate of Appropriateness outlines the necessary procedure a resident of an historic district must complete before any exterior work may be done to a house in the district.
3. A separate folder on each of the historic districts with pictures and addresses of houses in the district and an indication of its historic significance.
4. An historical and architectural Guide to the Downtown section of Hammond.

The meeting closed at 3:45 with some questions from the audience and informal conversations during refreshments being served.

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

Hammond Historical Society  
Balance on Hand 10/31/94                    4124.83  
Checking Account

Saving Account 9/30/94                    3152.80

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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
 SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 1994  
 ATTENDANCE

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>PHONE</u>
Florence Cross Gallagher	1321 Birchwood, Chicago, IL 60626	(312)274-9624
Hildur & Haroldine Hellman	1611 Chicago Av. Evanston, IL 60201	(312)570-7849
William & Helen Tuley	7201 Cleveland Circle, Merrillville, IN	(219)756-7201
Elverta Seddlemeyer	617 - 173rd St, Hammond	932-3208
Marguerite Elkins	8010 Monroe Ave, Munster	836-5457
Carter & Olive Martin	1512 - 169th St, #253, Hammond	844-6355
Paul & Toni Caldwell	7218 Madison, Hammond	932-1211
John & Ruth Swanson	7234 Alexander, Hammond	845-3498
Rich Horst	7212 Pierce St. Merrillville	769-6594
Clarence & Betty Gehrke	1732 Davis Ave, Whiting	659-6316
Suzanne Long	6621 Monroe Ave, Hammond	931-1013
Mechelle Burbank	6834 Arkansas Ave, Hammond	844-0188
Louise Lukowski	252 Southmoor Rd. Hammond	933-7665
Edward A. Lukowski	252 Southmoor Rd. Hammond	933-7665
Kevin Clutter	7440 Magoun Ave, Hammond	844-8163
Brian Poland	2204 Woodhollow Ln. Hammond	844-3351
Marion Wheeler	921 - 173rd St. Hammond	931-9070
Mabelle Durand	910 Ridge Road, Munster	836-1042
John & Anne Beckman	30 Indi Illi Parkway, Hammond	931-2981
Penny Harris & Tom Rutowski	1259 Memorial Drive, C.C. Ill	862-2389
Lois Sherby	6919 Ridgeland Ave. Hammond	844-6796
G.M. Peiffer, M.D.	6541 Forrest Ave. Hammond	
Marjorie Sohl	9519 Southmoor Ave, #7, Highland	924-7525

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
BOARD MEETING  
SUNDAY, JANUARY 15, 1995

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About forty relatives and friends of Kathryn Thegze gathered in the Calumet Room of the Hammond Public Library at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, January 15, 1995 for a brief time to dedicate the hanging of a picture and plaque in memory of Kathryn's many years of devoted service in this room. The plaque reads "In memory of Kathryn M. Thegze from friends and neighbors, July 14, 1994." Rosalie Ruff, Head of Information Services for the library read a tribute to her and Dr. Geraldine Peiffer, President of the Hammond Historical Society spoke of her service to the community. Family members and dignitaries present were named. All had an opportunity to view the plaque and picture up close.

Following the dedication at 1:45 p.m. thirteen members of the Board of Directors of the Society remained in the Calumet Room for the consideration of business.

The library director proposed a formalized statement of the long standing relationship between the Library and the Society to together collect, preserve, secure and make accessible materials relating to Hammond and the Calumet Region. The Board discussed the statement and felt it defined the relationship that has existed and wanted to be continued. A motion by Tom Rutkowski, seconded by Carter Martin was accepted to approve of the agreement to be forwarded to the Library Board for their approval.

Suzanne Long, Board member and current curator of the Calumet Room, presented for approval the prospectus of an application for an Indiana Heritage Research Grant. The project proposed would be a year long activity to index the thirty-some years of the Society's newsletters housed in the Calumet Room. The project sponsor would be the Hammond Historical Society, with Marjorie Sohl, Secretary as the Director and Lois Sherby, Treasurer as the Treasurer and Suzanne Long as the Primary Researcher. Lance Trusty, Professor at Purdue University Calumet has agreed to be the consulting historian. A grant of \$2900 has been requested. The application was due in Wednesday so has been submitted with the approval of the people involved. A motion by Bob Kindle, second by Carol Kutak to support the project was accepted.

David Dabertin appeared before the Board to inform them that he has a manuscript of Hammond history almost ready for printing and publication within the next year. He is looking for some input, some feedback from any who are willing to read it. He has conferred with social studies teachers in the Hammond Schools who feel it is too much for a student text but could be used as a resource for teachers. It will probably be about 400 pages long at a cost of about \$20. It covers from prehistoric times up to World War II. It is theoretical and subjective look at Hammond rather than just a chronological treatment. He agreed to leave a copy of the manuscript with Gerry Peiffer for several members who indicated a desire to read it for feedback to him. Signed up for routing were Gerry, Carol Kutak, Toni Caldwell and Marge Sohl.

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A request was received from the Historic Landmark Foundation of Indiana for an annual donation. A motion to donate \$100 again was made by Tom Rutkowski, second by Carol Kutak, and carried.

Carol Kutak said that the local Kiwanis Club had disbanded during the past year. They are looking for a permanent home for their large banner and group picture. She questioned if the Calumet Room was the place for it. She will investigate the size of it and report back. Wall space is limited in the Calumet Room.

The meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

#### ATTENDANCE

Marjorie Sohl  
Carol L. Kutak  
Lois M. Sherby  
Robert Kindle  
Dorothy Hickman  
Mary Milakovic  
W. T. Tuley  
Suzanne Long  
Thomas Rutkowski  
Carter Martin  
Antoinette Caldwell  
David Dabertin  
G. M. Peiffer, M.D.

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This agreement entered into this 1st day of \_\_\_\_\_ by and between the Hammond Historical Society and the Hammond Public Library witnesseth that:

Whereas, Hammond Historical Society has as its purpose to publish, promote and preserve historical knowledge and to spread historical information with reference to the City of Hammond, Lake County, Indiana, and

Whereas, Hammond Public Library collects, preserves, secures and makes accessible local history material for future generations, and

Whereas, print and non-print materials that pertain to the Calumet Region are added, by purchase or donation, to the Hammond Public Library collection where they are accessible to all researchers through the Library's computer catalog system; therefore

Hammond Historical Society and Hammond Public Library pledge to continue to work together to collect, preserve, secure, and make accessible materials relating to Hammond and the Calumet Region. This agreement will adhere to all federal, state, and local regulations pertinent to the organizations' funding sources and will be reviewed annually.

# Prospectus

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**Return to:**

Indiana Heritage Research Grants  
1500 N. Delaware St.  
Indianapolis, Indiana 46202

for office use only

Date Received	Staff Liaison	Grant #
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**Project Title** Indexing of Hammond Historical Society Newsletters

Category (one or more)  Research  Oral History  Editing  Cataloguing  Indexing  Translation  Conservation

**Project Sponsor**

Name: Hammond Historical Society  
Address: 564 State Street  
Hammond, IN, 46320

**Project Director**

Name: Miss Marjorie Sohl  
Title: Secretary, Hammond Historical Soc.  
Address: 9519 Southmoor  
Highland, IN, 46322

**Contact Person:**

Suzanne Long  
Title: Board Member, Hammond Historical  
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Home  
Telephone: 219-931-1013

**Primary Researcher**

Name: Suzanne Long  
Title:  
Address: 6621 Monroe  
Hammond, IN, 46324

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Telephone: 219-852-2255  
Home 219-931-1013  
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**Briefly describe the proposed research including goals, methods and timetables.**

The Hammond Historical Society has been publishing a newsletter for nearly thirty years, averaging six issues per year. The Society has faithfully tape-recorded each monthly speaker and often included a detailed summary of these presentations in their newsletters. The tapes remain untranscribed and unused. Currently there is no finding aid to locate articles, personal histories or specific references to individuals. The goal of this project is to compile an index to this valuable but rarely used primary source of Hammond history. Using a computer index program, all names and program subjects will be converted into an easily used index to the newsletters. Speaker program topics will be added to the on-line computer catalogue.

During the summer of 1995, names and topics will be extracted from the newsletters and computerized. By January 1996, the index will be printed in draft form. Publication would occur after final consultation with the key historian.

Who are the key historians/consultants in the project and what will they do?

Suzanne Long (BS History-Indiana State), Board member of the Hammond Historical Society, will be the primary researcher. Lance Trusty, Professor of History, Purdue University Calumet, will be the key historian and will be consulted regarding final categorizing of subject topics and cross-referencing.

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Briefly outline the proposed programs with the target dates, locations and audience composition.

In the spring of 1996, programs will be presented to the Hammond Historical Society and Northwest Indiana Genealogical Society. Both these groups have open monthly meetings in local public libraries and publicize their programs in area newspapers. Members of these groups would be most interested in the results of this project and benefit from its existence. Contact will be made with the three area universities regarding a presentation to their local history students.

Have you counseled with a program officer at IHS or IHC?

yes  no \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, please give name      Connie McBirney

Budget Summary	Grant	Local Cost Share
Administrative		\$650
Program Personnel	\$2400	\$950
Travel and Per Diem		
Supplies and Equipment	\$ 100	\$1150
Printing and Postage		\$ 150
Other (Specify)		
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$2500</b>	<b>\$2900</b>

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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
SUNDAY, JANUARY 15, 1995

The president, Dr. Geraldine Peiffer, called the meeting of the Hammond Historical Society to order on Sunday, January 15, 1995 at 2:30 p.m. in the Community Room of the Hammond Public Library. Thirty-nine members and friends signed the attendance sheet.

Lois Sherby reported a balance of \$4255.35 in the checking account and \$3177.41 in the savings account.

Dr. Peiffer summarized the agreement with the library just passed at the Board meeting to continue to cooperatively collect and preserve Hammond historically significant materials in the Calumet Room. The agreement will now be considered by the Library Board. Also approved at the Society Board meeting was an application for an Indiana Heritage Research Grant for the purpose of indexing the Society's newsletters for the past thirty-some years.

Inquiry was made about the interest of the Society in replacing the Historical Marker on the sight of the first settlers' home and inn at Hohman and the north side of the Calumet River. The sign which marks it now has been damaged. Toni Caldwell suggested that it be considered at the next Board meeting to be held February 19th at 1:30 p.m.

The speaker for the day was introduced. Maurice O'Hern projected pictures from his collection of Jack Chevigny and gave his personal comments on them. He divided Mr. Chevigny's life into four phases for his commentary.

- I High School student popularity
- II Notre Dame football player
- III Football coach
- IV Marines, Life and death on Iwo Jima.

Jack Chevigny's days at Hammond High were full of activities in student government, as an actor, as a football player and on the Dunes staff. He was small for a football player, only 170 pounds, but characterized in the 1924 yearbook as fast, tough and hard.

When he went to Notre Dame, he was coached by the famous Knute Rockne. There he developed and gained National prominence and was selected on All-American teams. At that time there was no platooning. He played both offense and defense--he played the whole game.

After graduation he stayed on at Notre Dame as an assistant coach to Knute Rockne. They won two national championships in 1929 and 1930. Suddenly in 1931 Knute Rockne was killed in an airplane accident and Chevigny was named as a co-coach. However, this did not work out for him. He wanted all or nothing. He moved around at several coaching jobs with the Chicago Cardinals, a professional team, St. Edwards College in Austin, Texas, and at the University of Texas. The highlight of that job was when they met and beat Notre Dame. Having coached there he was familiar with a lot of their techniques.

At 37 years old Jack Chevigny changed vocations. He decided to practice law. Then the war came along and he volunteered for the Army. He was switched to the Marines and in 1944 he asked for active duty. Before he knew it he was on his way to Iwo Jima. He served in the first wave of marines who charged up the hill of Mt. Suribachi. All of the men who raised the flag on Mt. Suribachi served in his same company. He was buried on Iwo Jima. Because of his fame as a football player, his death on February 19, 1944, was widely reported.

The meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m. and refreshments were served.

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

Marge Sohl

Checking Account Balance 12/31/94	4255.35
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*Lora Sherby, Treas*

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 12, 1995**

**Historical group to gather**

**HAMMOND** - The Hammond Historical Society will meet at 2:30 p.m. Sunday in the Calumet Room of the Hammond Public Library, 564 State St.

The Board of Directors will meet at 1:30 to dedicate a plaque and photograph honoring Kathryn Thegze.

Maurice O'Hearn will speak on the life of Jack Chevigny, sports figure and Marine who was killed in the South Pacific during World War II. The public is invited.

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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
 SUNDAY, JANUARY 15, 1995  
 ATTENDANCE

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>PHONE</u>
D. Djenka		
J. Smenos		
Thomas Rutkowski		
Elverta Seddlemeyer	617 - 173rd, Hammond	932-3208
Antoinette Caldwell	7218 Madison, Hammond	972-1211
Olympia Bereolos Anton	6756 Hohman, Hammond	932-2024
Alexandria Theodore	8114 Hohman, Hammond	836-5943
Rosalie Ruff	HPL - 564 State, Hammond	852-2240
W. H. Tuley		
Marguerite & George Elkins	8010 Monroe, Muns ter	836-5957
Frances Polito	17 Wildwood, Hammond	931-9582
Ida Polito	17 Wildwood, Hammond	931-9582
Ann Walsko	1445 Parkview, Whiting	659-0546
Mary Skvara	1614 Davis, Whiting	659-1881
Carter Martin	1512 - 169th, Hammond	844-6355
Olive Martin	1512 - 169th, Hammond	844-6355
Mary Milakovic	935 - 169th, Hammond	
Ed & Betty McHie	20 Indi Illi Park, Hammond	931-2381
Bob Kindle	7210 Baring Parkway, Hammond	844-2596
Dorothy Hickman	7141 Baring Parkway, Hammond	844-3451
Olive Seidler	1610 Camellia Drive, Munster	972-1215
David Dabertin	2148 Superior Ave, Whiting	659-5814
Eugenia Montijo	1024 - 169th, Apt. A, Hammond	933-9921
Suzanne Long	6621 Monroe, Hammond	931-1013
Helen McGrath	6638 Jackson, Hammond	932-7415
Carol L. Kutak	Schererville	
A. C. Colby	910 Ridge Road, Munster	836-0778
Rosemary Colby		
Wanda Garcuer	7015 Knickerbocker, Hammond	844-1666
Elsie Meyer	7807 Hohman, Muns ter	836-8107
Frances Meyer	7807 Hohman, Muns ter	836-8107
Lois Sherby	6919 Ridgeland, Hammond	844-6796
Fred & Mary Jane Messman	7140 Baring, Hammond	845-0945
Lucille Marks	7213 Cleveland Circle, Merrillville	756-2012
Marge Sohl		
Dr. Geraldine Peiffer		

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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
BOARD MEETING  
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1995

The Board of Directors of the Hammond Historical Society met at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, February 19, 1995 in the Calumet Room of the Hammond Public Library. Only eight members and one guest were present.

Discussion was held on what to do about the April meeting since our regular meeting date falls on Easter Sunday. To move it ahead one Sunday placed it on Palm Sunday. The meeting room was already scheduled for use on the Sunday after Easter. It was decided to cancel the April meeting. Reservation forms for the May annual dinner will have to be handled thru the March and May news letters.

A request was received from the Indiana Historical Society to supply any information on local people who would be willing to speak before other groups to be on a list of speakers being compiled for publication. Information for it is due in by March 1. It will be announced at the general meeting following.

Gerry has been unable to reach Caleb Davies, the name given her as the head of Rotary, so nothing further is known of any plans for an Achievement Award honoree.

Gerry asked for volunteers for the nominating committee. Receiving none, she said she would appoint some members to serve.

A request was received from Peg Evans, Head of Technical Services, for a letter of support for an Indiana Heritage Research Grant being sought to organize, identify and preserve about 130 original photographs of the business and industrial community of Hammond. Pictures dating from the late nineteenth century are deteriorating. An effort will be made to identify and make negatives and prints of them for use in the collection and place the originals in archival storage. They would be entered in the library on-line computer enabling access from other libraries and home computers. A motion to supply a letter indicating our support of the project was made by Tom Rutkoski, second by Bill Tuley, carried.

Toni Caldwell reported that she and Gerry Peiffer had read and Marge Sohl was reading David Dabertin's book on Hammond history. He was pleased that we were cooperating with him. She also reported that Elverta Muenich Seddlemeyer will be the speaker at the next meeting on "Growing up in South Hammond." (the Zachau and Muenich subdivisions) She suggested we investigate the portable sound system that Ed Lukowski brings to the AARP meetings here that seems so much more dependable and effective than the one supplied here.

Geri Wendorf attended this Board meeting to bring before the Society information of the work that is going on with the Grand Calumet Task Force. She distributed copies of a map of the area that the volunteer group is concentrating on in an effort to clean-up, beautify and establish an historic park along the banks of the Calumet River between Sohl and Hohman Streets and focus on the

historic swivel railroad bridge in the middle of this area. They envision foot paths along this area and the planting of some of the plants native to the area. Community meetings are being planned for March to receive community input into their vision of making a green corridor. Watch the papers for announcement of them.

The meeting adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

ATTENDANCE:

William Tuley  
Carter Martin  
Harry Black  
Thomas Rutkoski  
Toni Caldwell  
Suzanne Long  
Geri Wendorf  
G. M. Peiffer, M.D.  
Marjorie Sohl

Hammond Historical Society

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4336.05

Saving Account Balance 12/31/95

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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1995

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The meeting of the Hammond Historical Society was called to order by the president, Dr. Geraldine Peiffer, at 2:35 p.m. on Sunday, February 19, 1995, in the Community Room of the Hammond Public Library. Twenty five members and friends signed the roster.

Dr. Peiffer announced decisions which had been made at the preceding Board meeting. There will be no meeting in April since our meeting day falls on Easter, the Sunday before is Palm Sunday and the room is booked for the Sunday after.

She read a letter from someone requesting material on the Borchart Family. Anyone knowing them were asked to let Dr. Peiffer know.

She asked people to be aware that meetings in the near future would be scheduled and announced in the paper by the Grand Calumet Task Force seeking input of the public on their efforts to restore and preserve the historic area along the Calumet River from Sohl to Hohman and including the swivel railroad bridge.

The speaker for the next meeting is Elverta Muenich Seddlemeyer speaking on growing up in South Hammond.

Dr. Peiffer asked if anyone was interested in being listed on the Indiana Historical Society's Speaker's Bureau list to let her know because the deadline for listing is March 1.

Dutch Cornwall commented on how much he had enjoyed Maurice O'Hern's article in the last Flashback on Hammond Theatres, especially the State Theatre section. He was here with Ed. Nelson and said that he, Ed, and Clarence Kovalt were all ushers at the State Theatre when it was bombed. This article brought back their memories.

Dr. Peiffer introduced the speaker for today, William Kaminski. The Beverly Tent and Awning Company is owned and operated by the Kaminski family. It was founded in 1947 by his father, John, who was born and raised in Indiana Harbor. The business was located on Carroll Street in Calumet City, IL until 1951. For two months they were located at 5435 Hohman Avenue, and then moved to Calumet and 169th. In 1957 they moved to their present location at 6317 Columbia Avenue.

In the early '50s when they were most fashionable, they specialized in venician blinds. They got into manufacturing awnings. The business was built entirely by his parents. His mother and father made the products they sold. His mother was the seamstress and did all the edging on their original Singer sewing machine built for heavy duty sewing. They had eight children who grew up working in the business but after his father died and his mother retired in 1988, he and his three sisters have run the business. His brothers did not stay in the business.

William was the one in the business who expanded it into the renting of tents and tables used a lot at outdoor picnics. This is a large part of their business now. Canvas awnings cost less to make and maintain than metal ones. They are most effective at keeping out heat in the summer. They now service about 3000 awnings in a large area from Lockport, IL to Michigan City, IN. Since 1989 they have had a satellite office in Oak Forest, especially to take calls from the Illinois customers. Each call requires a house call for measurements to make an estimate. Now their plant is on Douglas Street in the Quint Building but soon may have to move. They purchase their canvas in large rolls from three supply houses in Chicago. They pick it up themselves to save shipping costs. They make almost anything needed that can be made of canvas. At one time they made purification bags for Sinclair Oil and have made asbestos bags, wearing masks while they worked on them. Patio covers of canvas are big now. As needs change or fashions change, their products change.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m. for refreshments and conversation.

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

**Historical society gathers**

HAMMOND - The Hammond Historical Society will meet at 2:30 p.m. Sunday in the Community Room of the Hammond Public Library, 564 State St.

William Kaminski, owner of Beverly Tent and Awning Co., will be guest speaker. The public is invited, and refreshments will be served.

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
 SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1995  
 ATTENDANCE

(1453)

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>PHONE</u>
William T. Tuley	7201 Cleveland Circle, Merrillville	756-7201
Florence Gallagher	1321 Birchwood Ave, #205, Chicago, IL (312) 274-9624	
Anne Bacin	8304 Woodlawn Ave, #8, Munster	836-1159
Toni Caldwell	7218 Madison Ave, Hammond	932-1211
Elverta Seddellmeyer	617 - 173rd St, Hammond	932-3208
Marion Wheeler	921 - 173rd St. Hammond	931-9070
Ed. Nelson	8750 Harrison Ave, Munster	836-9272
Dutch Cornwell	8046 Hohman Ave, Munster	
G. M. Peiffer, M.D.	6541 Forest Ave, Hammond	
Alice Stelow	6122 Van Buren Ave, Hammond	836-9867
Barbara Tieman	7633 Hohman Ave, Munster	322-3022
Del-Dean Deavours	305 Spivak Dr, Schererville	
M/M Ed Lukowski	Hammond	933-7665
Helen McGrath	6638 Jackson Ave, Hammond	932-7415
Carter & Olive Martin	1512 - 169th St. Hammond	844-6355
M. O'Hern	241 Beverly, Munster	
M. Halaburt	511 - 139th St. Hammond	
Mary Milakovic	935 - 169th St. Hammond	
Harry Black	7406 Monroe Ave, Hammond	
George & Marguerite Elkins	8010 Monroe Ave, Munster	
Ted Myjeohn	5622 Calumet Ave, Hammond	
Marge Sohl		

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
BOARD MEETING  
SUNDAY, MARCH 19, 1995

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The Board of Directors of the Hammond Historical Society met at 1:30 p.m. before the regular meeting of the Society. President Geraldine Peiffer presided. Nine members attended.

The annual dinner meeting will be held at St. Joseph Catholic Church on Monday, May 8, at 6 p.m. Chairman Helen McGrath has not yet worked out what the price will be so we will have to include the price in the next newsletter for reservations to be sent in.

Gerry attended an informational meeting last week of the Grand Calumet River Task Force at which community suggestions were sought and progress so far was explained on the creating and preserving of a park area along the river banks from Hohman to Calumet but especially between Hohman and Sohl.

Because of a conflict of our meeting date with Easter, the April meeting is being cancelled. A newsletter in early April will need to carry the information of the May meeting.

Mechelle Burbank suggested a format for a postal card reminder to be sent out to those whose dues are in arrears to warn them before they are dropped from the mailing list. A motion to accept the format suggested and proceed with using them was made by Bill Tuley, second by Lois Sherby, carried.

Toni Caldwell demonstrated a mini amplified speaker system that can be operated plugged in to an outlet or battery operated. It is available from Radio Shack for \$63.17. Because of difficulty of hearing speakers who like to move around or be at a projector in front of the podium, it was decided to invest in one for the use of the Society at our meetings.

The nominating committee was scheduled to meet after this meeting. The meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

Attendance:

William Tuley  
Bob Kindle  
Toni Caldwell  
Paul Caldwell  
Suzanne Long  
Mary Milakovic  
Marjorie Sohl  
Lois Sherby  
Dr. Gerry Peiffer

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
SUNDAY, MARCH 19, 1995

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The Hammond Historical Society met on Sunday, March 19, 1995 at 2:30 p.m. in the Community Room of the Hammond Public Library. President Geraldine Peiffer presided. Fifty-three members and friends signed the attendance sheet.

Minutes of the last meeting were accepted as printed. The treasurer reported a balance of \$3946.92 in the checking account and \$3177.41 in the savings account.

Dr. Peiffer reported having attended the informational public meeting of the Grand Calumet River Task Force. It was to get the community interested and informed on the project to improve and preserve the location of Hammond's original settlement along the Calumet River between Hohman and Sohl. She encouraged the members to watch for articles in the paper on it in the future.

Dr. Peiffer stressed that we will have no meeting in April because of a conflict date with Easter. Our next meeting will be the annual dinner meeting at St. Joseph's Church on May 8. A reservation form will be in the next newsletter and should be sent in before that date.

Arthur Meyers, Director of the Hammond Public Library, spoke to the group as he is trying to speak to many community organizations. He pointed out some of the accomplishments of the library in the past year with displays and programs and discussion groups sponsored and program materials available for loan. He encouraged people to write their Congressmen to support the library legislation that is still being considered. He had materials available to describe the various programs he mentioned.

Bill Tuley announced that the nominating committee needed one more volunteer for a three year directorship position and asked any interested person present to talk to him today.

Mrs. Elverta Muenich Seddlemeyer was introduced to talk about "Growing up in South Hammond." The text of her message is elsewhere in this newsletter.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m. for conversation and refreshments.

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

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Hammond Historical Society

Feb. 28, 1995

Checking Account      3946.92

Saving Account      3177.41

Lois Sherby

**Thursday, March 16, 1995**

**Library hosts history talk**

HAMMOND - The Hammond Historical Society will meet at 2:30 p.m. Sunday in the Community Room of the Hammond Public Library, 564 State St.

Elverta Muenich Seddlemeyer will talk about growing up in South Hammond.

For more information, call 931-5100.

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Hammond Historical Society  
Sunday, March 19, 1995  
Attendance

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>PHONE</u>
Mary Milakovic	935 - 169th St. Hammond	
Bob Kindle	7210 Baring Pkwy, Hammond	844-2596
Arlouise Lammering	7105 Forest Ave. Hammond	932-6362
Jim & Dorothy Dycus	7420 Tapper Ave. Hammond	931-6614
Elverta Seddellmeyer	617 - 173rd St. Hammond	
Sara Kapocius	2360 Boulder Rd. Dyer	322-6728
Barbara Tieman	7633 Hohman Ave. Munster	836-9867
Alice Stelow	6122 Van Buren Ave, Hammond	932-9343
Toni Caldwell	7218 Madison Ave. Hammond	932-1211
Sylvia Goldin	406 - 165th St. Hammond	932-7685
Effie Smith	7138 Madison Ave. Hammond	932-4709
Shirley Brown	7150 Van Buren Ave. Hammond	
M/M Frederick Juergens	1829 - 169th St. Hammond	845-9490
Paul Caldwell	7218 Madison Ave. Hammond	932-1211
Martha Steele	300 Waltham St. C.C. Ill	708-862-5171
Helen & Bill Tuley	7201 Cleveland Circle, Merrillville	
		756-7201
Alice & Harold Muenich	11770 W. 93rd. St. John	365-8668
Michael L. Muenich	9456 Olcott, St. John	365-8612
Harry Black	7406 Monroe Ave. Hammond	932-1798
Opal Senzstock	269 Southmoor St. Hammond	931-8724
James Senzstock	6432 Van Buren Ave, Hammond	932-7966
Edw. & Louise Lukowski		933-7665
Rosemary & Averill Colby		836-0778
Fred & Mary Jane Messman		845-0945
Betty & Ed McHie	20 Indiilli Park, Hammond	931-2381
Grace & Carol Muenich	218 Oakwood St. Hammond	937-2718
M. D. O'Hern	241 Beverly Pl. Munster	836-8393
M. A. Steed	3913 Henry Ave. Hammond	933-4989
J. Houtschilt	1361 River Dr. C.C. Ill	708-862-1955
Rosemary McCay	9214 Idlewild Dr. Highland	923-8442
Martha Studebaker	7419 Van Buren Ave. Hammond	932-9975
Lorraine Fleming	6228 Harrison Ave. Hammond	933-7469
Winifred L. Lammering	6341 Harrison Ave. Hammond	933-0741
Olympia Bereolos Anton	6756 Hohman Ave. Hammond	932-2034
Dorothy Bodenhofe	6625 Tanglewood Dr. Hammond	989-9888
Peg & Ken Juergens	257 Florence St. Hammond	932-2723
Bill & Edna Carberry	3507 - 178th St. Lansing	708-474-6416
Mabelle Durand	910 Ridge Road, Munster	836-1042
Olive Seidler	1610 Camellia Dr. Munster	922-1215
Marge Sohl		
Lois Sherby		
Dr. Geraldine Peiffer		

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**The Calumet Press"**

**Wednesday, April 26, 1995**

***Hammond  
Historical  
Society***

**Hammond** — The annual dinner meeting of the Hammond Historical Society will be held on Monday, May 8, at 6 p.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church on Hohman Ave. in downtown Hammond.

Officers will be elected at this meeting. A brief program on the History of St. Joseph Church will be given by Father Roy Beeching.

Cost for the dinner is \$10 per person. Make checks payable to The Hammond Historical Society, mailed to Marjorie Sohl, secretary, at 9519 Southmoor Ave., Highland,

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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
ANNUAL DINNER MEETING  
MONDAY, MAY 8, 1995

The annual dinner meeting of the Hammond Historical Society was held on Monday, May 8, 1995 at 6:30 p.m. at the St. Joseph Church, 5310 Hohman Avenue, Hammond, IN. Fifty members and friends gathered for a catered dinner arranged by Helen McGrath.

Dr. Geraldine Peiffer welcomed the group, Rev. Roy T. Beeching gave the Invocation and dinner was enjoyed.

The business meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. Minutes of the last annual meeting were approved as formerly published. The Treasurer's financial statement was accepted as printed on the printed program and subject to audit.

Bob Kindle presented the attached nominating committee report:

President - William (Bill) Tuley  
1st V. P. - Mary Milakovic - Program  
2nd V. P. - Lois Sherby - Membership  
3rd V. P. - Isabel Story - Publicity  
4th V. P. - Antoinette Caldwell - Publications  
5th V. P. - Helen McGrath - Annual Meeting  
Secretary - Marjorie Sohl  
Treasurer - Lois Sherby  
Directors to May, 1999 - Calvin Bellamy  
Averill Colby  
Margery Hindmarch  
Elverta Seddlemeyer  
Harold Storey  
Director to May, 1998 - Dr. Geraldine Peiffer, replacing Kathryn Thegze  
Director to May, 1997 - Michele Burbank, replacing Eileen Luney  
Director to May, 1996 - Louise Lukoski replacing Isabel Story

There being no nominations from the floor, a motion by Mrs. Tuley, second by Ethel Byrne, and carried declared the nominated slate the elected slate.

Dr. Peiffer presented Michele Burbank a gift certificate for her services all year as editor of our newsletter, The Flashback.

A letter from the mayor appealing for participation in the Memorial Day Parade was discussed. It was suggested we contact Tony Solon to enter and carry some officers in his antique car. The president agreed to contact him.

It was suggested we needed to have a board meeting before each meeting of the society to carry on the routine business. Scheduling one at 1:15 p.m. before each Sunday 2:30 p.m. meeting would eliminate the need of a calling committee to notify people when it would be held.

Bob Kindle brought forth the request of the Rose Garden Committee to use our Treasurer and bank account as a place to deposit funds being solicited to revive the rose garden behind City Hall. The treasurer agreed to do the paper work and a separate account will be opened.

Suzanne Long, librarian in the Calumet Room announced the need for church directories and appealed to each person present to be sure his church's directory has been sent to the Calumet Room.

Antoinette Caldwell conducted a memorial service for the ten former members of our society, lighting a beautiful alter candle from St. Joseph Church for each of them as their name was read: Kathryn Thegze, Eileen Luney, Harry Keightley, Mrs. Tom Tuinman, Hermine Cutler, Paul Petroskey, Pat Hayden, C.A. Lundholm, Florence Cleveland and Thomas Miln. She closed by reading the six verses of the hymn "Blessed be the tie that binds."

Bob Kindle led a thank you round of applause for Dr. Gerry Peiffer's leadership the past two years.

Dr. Peiffer introduced Rev. Roy T. Beeching from St. Joseph Church who offered to lead a tour later of the church to those who had not seen it before the dinner. He wanted to point out the beautiful stained glass windows, the mural, and the High Alter of solid marble, the focal point of the church. By way of a brief history he said this was the third church building of a church that in 1979 celebrated its 100th anniversary. This building was started in 1910 and not finished and consecrated until 1914. It had a renovation in 1974-75 and for the last two years a group of volunteers has been working 9 to 12 week days to clean, repair, recarpet and refinish woodwork, pews and doors.

Almost ten years ago, Father Vrabley saw the need to feed homeless and poor people and with the help of five people in October, 1986, they opened a soup kitchen 3 days a week. They served 25 the first day and soon had a crew of 25 volunteers. By February, 1987, they opened 5 days a week and hired their first employee to oversee it. They now feed about 200 a day with various churches volunteering to be responsible for it on different days. The Assembly of God serves at its church on Saturday and another church on Sunday. They close the second week of July each year to clean and renovate the kitchen during which week other churches take over. It is supported financially by private and corporate donations, some of which come in automatically without appeals. It is a labor of love, people ministering to people.

Answering questions Rev. Beeching said the church aimed for seating for 1000 when it was built. Thru remodeling it now has seating for 700 with standing room in the back. It is about 80% full now for service.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m. with several attending touring the church upstairs as they left.

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
ANNUAL DINNER MEETING  
MONDAY, MAY 8, 1995  
ATTENDANCE

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Olympia Anton	Bill McNabney
Fern Arnold	Rose McNabney
Anne Beckman	Carter Martin
John Beckman	Olive Martin
Rev. Roy T. Beeching	Sue Mize
Harry Black	Martin Morgan
Helen Byrd	Virginia Morgan
Ethel Byrne	Diamond Nickias
Bernadine Byron	Geraldine Peiffer
David Burbank	Brian Poland
Michele Burbank	Frances Polito
Toni Caldwell	Olive Seidler
Averill Colby	Lois Sherby
Rosemary Colby	Jim Smenos
Donna Djenka	Marjorie Sohl
Mabelle Durand	Martha Steele
George Elkins	Isabel Story
Marguerite Elkins	Harold Story
Margaret Evans	Alexandria Theodore
Robert Kindle	Bill Tuley
Brian Kwolek	Helen Tuley
Suzanne Long	Gertrude Volkman
Ed. Lukoski	William Volkman
Louise Lukoski	Marion Wheeler
Helen McGrath	Cora Lee Woodword

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NOMINEES FOR ELECTION TO OFFICES OF THE HAMMOND HISTORICAL  
SOCIETY 1995 - 1996

President - William (Bill) Tuley

1st V.P. - Mary Milakovic

2nd V.P. - Lois Sherby

3rd V.P. - Isabel Storey

4th V.P. - Antoinette Caldwell

5th V.P. - Helen McGrath

Secretary - Marjorie Sohl

Treasurer - Lois Sherby

DIRECTOR - Term Expiring May, 1998

Dr. Geraldine Peiffer (replaces Kathryn Thegze)

DIRECTORS - Term Expiring May, 1999 (*To BE ELECTED*)

Harold Storey      Calvin Bellamy      Averill Colby      Margery Hindmarch  
Elverta Seddlemeyer

~~(There are openings for three more directors with terms expiring in May of 1999)~~

Directors remaining in office until May 1996 are:

Paul Caldwell      Dorothy Hickman      Robert Kindle  
Tom Rutkowski      ~~Isabel Storey~~ *Louise Lukoski*

Directors remaining in office until May 1997 are:

Fern Arnold      Mabelle Durand      ~~Eileen Luney~~  
Carter Martin      Virginia Morgan      *Michele Burbank*

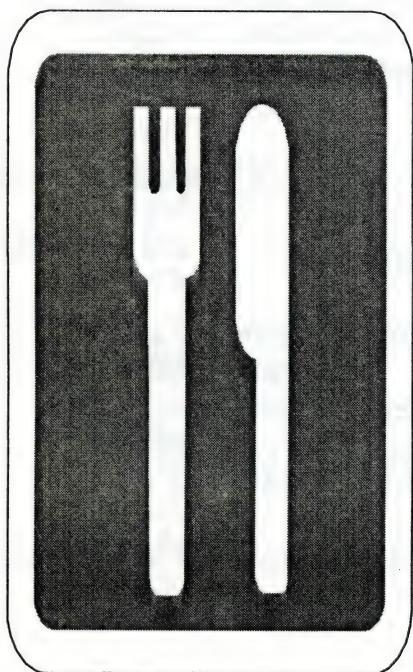
Directors remaining in office until May 1998 are:

Harry Black      Mark Ferrari      Carol Kutak      Suzanne Long  
(Dr. Geraldine Peiffer to be elected)

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# Hammond

*Historical Society  
35th Annual  
Dinner Meeting*



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**ST. JOSEPH CHURCH**

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**5310 HOHMAN**

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**AVENUE**

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**HAMMOND, INDIANA**

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**HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
35TH ANNUAL DINNER MEETING  
MAY 8, 1995                    6:30 P.M.**

**St. Joseph Church  
5310 Hohman Avenue  
Hammond, Indiana**

**WELCOME.....Dr. Geraldine Peiffer  
INVOCATION.....Rev. Roy T. Beeching**

**\* DINNER \***

**BUSINESS MEETING AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS  
Minutes of Previous Annual Meeting -- Marjorie Sohl, Secretary  
Annual Financial Report -- Lois Sherby, Treasurer  
President's Report -- Dr. Peiffer, President  
Nominating Committee Report -- Bill Tuley**

**MEMORIAL SERVICE.....Antoinette Caldwell**

**In Memory Of:**

Kathryn Thegze	Hermine Cutler
Eileen Luney	Paul Petroskey
Harry Keightley	Pat Hayden
Mrs. Tom Tuinman	C. A. Lundholm
Florence Cleveland	<i>Thomas Miln</i>

**HISTORY OF ST. JOSEPH CHURCH.....Rev. Roy T. Beeching**

**OFFICERS 1993-1994**

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President.....	Geraldine Peiffer
1st Vice President.....	Mary Milakovic
2nd Vice President.....	Lois Sherby
3rd Vice President.....	William McNabney
4th Vice President.....	Antoinette Caldwell
5th Vice President.....	Helen McGrath
Secretary.....	Marjorie Sohl
Treasurer.....	Lois Sherby

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT  
MAY 1, 1994 TO APRIL 30, 1995**

Balance on Hand, May 1, 1994	\$3,318.39
<b>Receipts</b>	
Interest	\$ 90.57
Life Membership Interest	98.50
Dues	1,343.00
Books	30.00
Centennial Portrait-Dr. Trusty	125.00
Donations	20.00
Annual Dinner	424.00
Postage	36.69
Memorial Gift	410.00
Life Membership	<u>200.00</u>
Total Receipts	\$2,777.76
	\$2,777.76
<b>Disbursements</b>	
Service Charge	65.30
Postage	397.35
Newsletter	261.24
Supplies	76.58
Refreshments	25.00
Indiana Historical Landmarks	100.00
Annual Dinner	419.35
Festival Booth	45.00
State Fees	<u>10.00</u>
Total Disbursements	\$1,399.82
	\$1,399.82
<b>Balance on Hand, April 28, 1995</b>	
	\$4,696.33

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## DIRECTORS

### Term thru May 1995

Calvin Bellamy  
Averill Colby  
William May  
Harold Storey

### Term thru May 1996

Paul Caldwell  
Dorothy Hickman  
Robert Kindle  
Tom Rutkowski  
Isabel Storey

### Term thru May 1997

Fern Arnold  
Eileen Luney  
Virginia Morgan

## PAST PRESIDENTS

**1959-1994**

1959-60 John Wilhelm\*  
1960-61 Warren A. Reeder, Jr.\*  
1961-62 Edward B. Hayward\*  
1962-63 Mrs. Vincent Bower\*  
1963-64 George Nelson  
1964-65 Anton Tapper\*  
1965-66 Mrs. Mary Peters\*  
1966-67 Mrs. Harry Wilson\*  
1967-68 Walter Bell\*  
1968-69 Mrs. Henry Cleveland\*  
1969-70 Marjorie Sohl  
1970-71 Gordon Whitney  
1971-72 Verlyn Mack\*  
1972-73 Mrs. Nina Cravens\*  
1973-74 Mrs. Leona Schreiber  
1974-75 Kurt Marx\*  
1975-76 Fern Arnold  
1976-77 Mrs. Evainez Jonas\*  
1977-78 Mrs. Verlyn Mack  
1978-79 Charles McGregor\*  
1979-80 Jules Ebert\*  
1980-82 Bert Hindmarch\*  
1982-83 Jerome Kutak\*  
1983-85 Roger Reeder  
1985-86 Theodore Shatkowski\*  
1986-87 Hazel Lindstrom\*  
1987-89 Averill Colby  
1989-91 Mrs. Wanda Seavers  
1991-93 Robert Kindle  
1993-94 Dr. Geraldine Peiffer

\* Deceased

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
BOARD MEETING  
SUNDAY, JUNE 25, 1995

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The Board meeting of the Hammond Historical Society was called to order by the president, Bill Tuley, at 1:45 p.m. on Sunday, June 25, 1995 at the home of Lois Sherby, 6919 Ridgeland Avenue, Hammond. Thirteen members were present.

Arnold Rose had agreed to audit the Society's books. His report read by Bill found the period he audited, 1992-1994 in good order. His three recommendations were to have two officers sign all checks, use a journal entry format, receive approval to pay all bills. Discussion of these recommendations resulted in a motion by Mary Milakovic, second by Suzanne Long and carried to continue as we are with one signature on checks with three authorized at the bank to sign but to change to a journal type format and plan to have an audit each year.

Lois reported the Rose Garden Fund was established in a savings account. \$100 was used from the Clipper account to open it. A donation to the Rose Garden Fund was discussed but was tabled until we hear more from the committee when they have a drive for funds.

Bill Tuley presented the idea of having a Founder's Day recognition on one Sunday a year in honor of all past presidents but especially John Wilhelm, our first president in 1959-1960. In discussing when would be an appropriate time to hold this, ideas for the September and October meetings were presented. Toni Caldwell had had some conversation with Judy Bretz at Purdue Calumet about their plans for September 17, our meeting date, for their outdoor program to kick off their 50th year anniversary celebration. She suggested we combine our meeting with that if special seating can be worked out. Bill also had hoped for an early fall program from Ernie Hurt, a Hammond man who survived the Battle of Okinawa, also in its 50th anniversary year. A motion by Lois Sherby, second by Suzanne Long, carried to hold our September meeting with Purdue's celebration and Ernie Hurt's program in October if all details can be worked out.

Graduated from Hammond High, who  
jumped behind the German line  
in the dark of night, several hours  
before the Allied invasion of France began.

Bill Tuley, quoting from his experience with the LaPorte County Historical Society Museum, questioned if we couldn't start planning for a museum here. The idea met with enthusiasm but knew our limited funds could not do it alone but needed city support. Gerry Peiffer was willing to talk to Mayor Dedelow about it. A motion was made by Toni Caldwell, second by Gerry Peiffer and carried that we start a Hammond Historical Society Museum Fund with a \$100 donation from our treasury and that we start thinking of possible places for it.

If the September meeting at Purdue works out, our next Board meeting will be at 1:30 p.m. before our October general meeting, October 15, 1995. The Flashback will carry announcements of them. Toni suggested a telephone committee be established to try to get more board members out to the board meetings. No action taken.

The meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
BOARD MEETING  
SUNDAY, JUNE 25, 1995  
ATTENDANCE

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Isabel Storey  
Louise Lukowski  
Mary Milakovic  
Toni Caldwell  
Elverta Seddelmeyer  
Mabelle Durand  
Suzanne Long  
G.M. Peiffer, M.D.  
Lois Sherby  
Harry Black  
William Tuley  
Helen McGrath  
Marjorie Sohl